

## Final BULLETINS

### Sofia Hit Again By Allied Bombers

LONDON (CP)—The Hungarian radio reported in a broadcast tonight that Allied bombers struck Sofia at noon today.

### New Rentals Chief

MONTREAL (CP)—Owen Lobley of Montreal has been appointed rentals administrator for Canada, it was announced here today. For some time he was rentals administrator for Quebec and the Maritimes.

### Russ Break Through Nazi Baltic Line

LONDON (CP)—The Russian front army driving from the Nevel sector through German winter lines has captured 70 more towns, Moscow announced tonight in a communique, broadcast and picked up here.

### Berlin Radio Off

LONDON (CP)—Berlin's domestic radio transmitters went off the air tonight. The Vichy radio network, including the big stations of southern France, also was silent.

### Crash Kills 5

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif. (AP)—Five soldiers were killed and seven others injured today in a highway collision of two passenger cars and a trailer truck south of San Ardo, Monterey County.

### 3,000 to Lose Jobs

MONTREAL (CP)—About 3,000 workers at the Defence Industries Ltd. plants here and neighboring Verdun and Westmount will be laid off within the next three months, it was announced here today.

Company officials explained the lay-off resulted from a general reduction in production announced by the federal government.

### Ford Left \$66,000,000

ELLSWORTH, Me. (AP)—A valuation of \$66,000,000 on the estate of Edsel Ford, only son of Henry Ford, motor magnate, who died last May, was set forth in an affidavit on file today in Hancock County probate court with a copy of his will.

### U.S. Newsprint Cut

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. War Production Board today ordered deep cuts in the 1944 use of paper by newspapers, magazines, book publishers and commercial printers.

The restrictions are designed to save 1,250,000 tons of paper in 1944.

### 4,000 French Held

LONDON (CP)—A flare-up of open resistance to the Vichy regime was reported by the German-controlled Paris radio today to have resulted in the arrest of 4,000 persons in France during the past 15 days.

Earlier, a Paris radio commentator, Jacques Bartaud, had acknowledged that "a wave of depression is sweeping France, causing a very grave national neurosis."

Bartaud added that "from this state of mind to De Gaulle is only one step."

### Montreal Faces New Civic Strike

MONTREAL (CP)—A five o'clock deadline that city-employed white collar workers had set for settlement of wage increase demands passed without any announcement this afternoon, but L. E. Potvin, chairman of the Quebec Municipal Commission said a statement would be issued shortly.

The city workers left their jobs at 5 p.m. their time, without knowing if they were supposed to be on strike or not. A mass meeting has been called for tonight.

### PO. W. J. Maitland Missing Overseas

VANCOUVER (CP)—PO. W. J. (Bill) Maitland, D.F.M., R.C.A.F., 21, son of Attorney-General and Mrs. R. L. Maitland of Vancouver, is missing on air operations overseas, his parents have been notified.

In November, 1942, PO. Maitland was awarded the distinguished Flying Medal for bringing back his damaged aircraft from a raid over Stuttgart, although suffering from wounds. Earlier that year he narrowly missed death when a silver cigarette case given him by his fiancée, deflected a piece of shrapnel.

# Victoria Daily Times

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Free Hair Cuts

WINNIPEG (CP)—The Prices Board stated today that several of its men had their locks trimmed on expense accounts as they investigated the 43 per cent increase in hair cut prices by the Master Barbers' Association of Winnipeg.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

## Russians Smash Nazis' South Flank

### Mackenzie to Quit; Turgeon to Get New Portfolio

OTTAWA (CP)—A parliamentary in close touch with the government today forecast that Hon. Ian Mackenzie will retire shortly, and that the Department of Pensions and National Health which he now heads, will be divided into separate pensions and health departments.

(A report from Vancouver said Mr. Mackenzie would retire shortly and that his secretary, Norman Senior, would be given

Other parliamentary sources forecast that Hon. Cyrus MacMillan, M.P. for Queens, P.E.I., and at present parliamentary assistant to Defence Minister Ralston, would be made Minister of Pensions in the cabinet rearrangement.

Dr. Beauséjour, clerk of the House of Commons since 1925, is 67 years old and this summer completed the third edition of his "Parliamentary Rules and Forms." He appears vigorous and energetic but, according to the political source here, he would not be averse to stepping down.

Mr. Mackenzie has long been regarded as an authority on House procedure.

Dr. McCann has frequently been mentioned for cabinet posts. Probably his most important contributions to Parliament have been his speeches on health questions and his chairmanship of the radio committee. He has long been a student in public health matters.

### Increase Cabinet To 22 Members

If the information on cabinet reorganization proves correct, the cabinet will be increased in size from 20 to 22 members.

Mr. Turgeon was born at Bathurst, N.B., Oct. 7, 1879, the son of Senator Onesiphore Turgeon. He moved to Alberta in 1907, where he was elected to the Legislature in 1913. He was defeated as a candidate for election to the British Columbia Legislature in 1933, running in Vancouver East, but was elected to the Commons in 1935 from Cariboo, being re-elected in 1940.

### Invasion Parleys Believed Imminent

LONDON (AP)—Admiral Harold R. Stark, who as commander of U.S. naval forces in European waters likely will play a major role in any sea-borne invasion of the continent, has returned to Washington for conferences expected to centre on final details of the grand assault on Hitler's European fortress.

At the same time, it was announced today Gen. Sir Alan Brooke, chief of the British general staff, had returned to London from a tour of the Italian front. This suggested top British military leaders were about to begin climactic "invasion conferences" in London, paralleling talks in Washington.



HON. IAN MACKENZIE, M.P.  
His early retirement rumored.

a permanent post in the Ministry of Pensions. Mr. Senior is known to many Victorians, having been a member of the editorial staff of the Victoria Daily Times many years ago, and later with Vancouver newspapers.)

The source here said Mr. Mackenzie likely will succeed Dr. Arthur Beauséjour as Clerk of the House of Commons.

He also said he thinks Dr. J. J. McCann, Liberal member of Parliament for South Renfrew, Ont., will be chosen by Prime Minister King as Minister of National Health.

(In Vancouver today Mr. Mackenzie said he had no comment to make on the report he would retire in the near future. The minister will leave tonight for Ottawa.)

Retirement of Mr. Mackenzie would leave British Columbia without representation in the cabinet. The informant here expressed belief this would be remedied by appointing J. G. Turgeon, Liberal member for Cariboo, as Minister of Reconstruction. Mr. Turgeon has headed the Commons reconstruction committee.



ROMMEL, FEARING INVASION, INSPECTS NAZI DEFENCES—In an effort to tighten anti-invasion defenses, and perhaps to forestall an anti-Hitler peace plot by Junker generals, high Nazi officials are reported planning to appoint Marshal Erwin Rommel to supreme command of the German army. In this picture radioed from Stockholm, Rommel is shown, right, with Gen. von Hanneken in Copenhagen, Denmark, during the marshal's recent inspection of the defenses of northwestern Europe.



FIRST PICTURE OF HAVOC IN NAZI BOMBING OF BARI—This was the most destructive enemy bombing assault since Pearl Harbor. Allied ships are shown burning furiously in the Italian Adriatic port of Bari after a surprise attack by German planes on Dec. 2. Seventeen United Nations merchant ships were sunk, and approximately 1,000 casualties inflicted. Two of the vessels carried cargoes of ammunition which exploded and spread destruction in the harbor.

### Civil Defence Calls 700 Personnel Out For Midnight Test

Seven hundred civil defence personnel were on the alert Sunday night and early today on orders of Inspector A. H. Bishop, Victoria controller, who said the personnel were ordered out purely as a test which had no connection with the "shelling" incident on the west coast of Vancouver Island Saturday night.

Inspector Bishop said the test, the first large-scale practice at the time, was being conducted in connection with the visit of Brig-Gen. Alex Ross, civil defence director of Ottawa, who will be in Victoria Jan. 17 and 18. He praised the wardens and other personnel for loyalty and efficiency during the practice.

District wardens were given the order to stand-by at 8.30 and at 8.50 heads of all units connected with civil defence were handed the same order. At 11.45 instructions were passed to district wardens that all senior wardens were to stand by.

Red Cross officials were notified at 1.18 this morning and personnel reported to the six civil defence first-aid posts. Seven minutes later members of the St. John nursing divisions received orders and manned the posts.

Besides the local defence corps on duty the post office and the Parliament Buildings staffs were notified.

"I'm going to get a lot of abuse for this," said Inspector Bishop, "but I think the test was due. What's the use of having all these pre-arranged practices?"

### Pro-Ally Chief Of Bolivia Ousted

By JULIO VALDEZ  
LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP)—The pro-Ally Bolivian government of President Enrique Penaranda was overthrown today in a coup d'état by leaders of the Nationalist Revolutionary Movement, an organization described as strongly opposed to the policies of the United States.

President Penaranda, Gen. Miguel Candia, Bolivia's Minister of War; Gen. Antonio Ibañez, chief of staff; Minister of Government Pedro Arce Zibetti, and other leaders of the Penaranda government were reported to have been arrested.

The Nationalist organization which engineered the successful coup is made up of elements of the Bolivian army and youth organizations.

Victor Paz Estensoro, revolutionary leader reported to have headed the successful coup, was said to have taken over the governor's palace and to have refused admittance to all others.

Newspaper publication was halted immediately. Soldiers were posted about all newspaper plants.

President Penaranda, an anti-Nazi who led his country to a declaration of war against the Axis countries, was elected in 1940. He visited the United States last May and during a tour of Detroit's war plants he declared Bolivia stood ready to throw an army into the field at the side of the Allies when called upon.

### Ship's Target Practice Alarms B.C. Coast

Target practice by a Victoria steamer off Vancouver Island's west coast Saturday put naval, military and air force establishments on an immediate alert.

All night men stood ready at their posts on land and at sea to repel what was thought was another enemy visit to coastal waters.

Sailors and soldiers were called from theatres Saturday night. Bluejackets enjoying themselves at a dance in Prince Robert House were called away by the shore patrol and dashed for their ships.

Soon people on downtown streets heard the news that the west coast was again being shelled by the enemy.

It was not until early Sunday morning that the source of some 20 shells which landed near a small cape between Tofino and Port Hardy, was definitely identified. Official news first went to Ottawa. Newspapers and news services waited for what they thought would be an announcement of an enemy shelling, either by surface raider or submarine.

Roar of airplanes in Sunday's clear blue sky and the rumble of gunfire led many Victorians to believe a battle was going on.

In the afternoon Ottawa announced the mistake. There were many good-natured laughs; there was much praise on the part of the public for the quick way the men and women in uniform had acted. The whole performance showed the coast defenses—land, sea and air—were right on their toes.

### TOO BAD FOR JAPS

Vancouver Island loggers arriving today for their Christmas holidays said defence measures taken were amazing in their strength.

Although they did not witness the shelling incident, they saw a swarm of fighter-escorted bombers roar off following the alarm. "We've seen plenty of patrol planes along the coast," said one logger, "but never a show like this. If there had been a Jap out there it would have been too bad for him."

Soldiers at the west coast camp were calmly going about their routine duties Saturday, when they heard shells falling in the open waters of the Pacific. Murky weather made it difficult to identify the vessel in the distance. The shells fell within 100 yards of the military installation, but there was no damage and no one was injured.

The vessel, which caused the alert, is one of the veterans of the coast trade, scoured by years of service to isolated ports along the west coast of Vancouver Island.

### Join the Navy League Now

"Joining the Navy League is an expression of gratitude to the merchant seamen and navy boys who have been fighting the Battle of the Atlantic for us," C. E. Disher, chairman of the membership committee of the B.C. campaign, said on his arrival in Victoria today to attend the inaugural luncheon of the Victoria branch of the Navy League in their campaign for new members.

"In the next few months there will be more ships than ever launched in Victoria and Vancouver," Mr. Disher said. "Thousands of men will arrive in these ports each month to man these vessels. We can demonstrate our hospitality to these seamen by joining the Navy League which is responsible for their welfare."

Objective of the B.C. membership campaign in the Navy League under way today is 350,000 new members.

### Germans Suffer Severe Losses As 8th Advances

By JOSEPH DYNAN

ALGIERS (AP)—The British Canadian 8th Army, supported by tanks, overran an enemy position in the sector along the Adriatic coast of Italy, inflicting severe losses, and also advanced about a mile farther inland, taking the village of Consalvi, Allied headquarters announced today.

Censalvi, about six miles from Orsogna, is just north of the lateral highway running from Orsogna to the port of Ortona. The position taken by the right flank, where the Canadian 1st Division is fighting for Ortona, was not immediately identified.

Gen. Montgomery's artillery knocked out five German Mark IV tanks, bringing to 43 the total of German tanks destroyed since the start of the Sangro River battle. Of these, at least 30 were Mark IV's, the largest the Germans have employed in Italy.

(Radio France at Algiers in a broadcast heard in London said British troops had entered Orsogna.)

### CAPTURE 50 'CHUTISTS

Fifty German parachutists were captured from a group recently transferred from the central mountainous terrain to bolster the eastern defenses.

On the Anglo-American 5th Army front U.S. troops which captured and fortified Village of San Pietro after three days of heavy fighting made new gains toward San Vittore, next strong defence point on the road to Cassino.

In mountains to the northeast 5th Army troops registered gains up to two miles, headquarters said.

Fifth Army troops north of Venafro in the Italian peninsula's hilly backbone were blasting their way through the difficult terrain and forcing enemy forces to give ground in what a military commentator characterized as a "hurried departure."

### DEAD UNBURIED

The advancing Allies found many enemy dead unburied in the mountain passes where intense artillery fire had sprayed them with steel.

French troops in the central sector were said to be putting up a spirited fight for one mountain pass.

Heavy losses suffered by the Germans' 90th light armored division for the second time threatened that unit with extinction. A spokesman said reports from the 8th Army front showed that Nazi division had lost about half of its infantry strength.

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### Northern Drive Now in 6th Day Also Progresses

By JUDSON O'QUINN

LONDON (AP)—The Red Army has smashed the southern anchor of Hitler's Russian front, forcing the Germans to retreat from their Kherson bridgehead at the lower extremity of the Dnieper River, the Berlin radio acknowledged today, while to the north powerful Soviet units, pouring through collapsed Nazi defenses in the Nevel sector in a new winter offensive, surged to within 57 miles of the Latvian border.

The loss of Kherson has left the Germans without a good defence prospect short of the Bug River, 30 miles to the rear on the way to Odessa. Announcing the withdrawal, the German broadcast said the crossing of the Dnieper had been achieved "without any loss" despite a heavy ice drift.

The big Russian drive in the north, now in its sixth day, has overrun 500 villages and hamlets and Russian tanks, cavalry and white-robed ski troops were smashing forward toward Pskov key rail junction near the Polish and Latvian frontiers.

The Russians drove up to the mouth of the Dnieper early in November during the height of their offensive which walled off the northern outlets from the Crimea and at one time reported they held the entire eastern bank of the Dnieper.

The Germans, however, asserted they still held a bridgehead on the eastern bank, across from the town of Kherson, which is on the west side of the stream. The Germans also hold a bridgehead farther up the stream, near Nikopol.

### Report Russ Attack Near Nikopol

The Germans said the Russians also were attacking near Nikopol, where they claimed 69 Soviet tanks were destroyed, and southwest of Dnepropetrovsk within the river bend.

Russian attacks aimed at a breakthrough south and northwest of Nevel were said by the Germans to have "failed in grim fighting." The Russians were said to be using strong tank and infantry forces after intense artillery preparation.

The Berlin broadcast said Russian forces had attacked unsuccessfully at Kherson Sunday, but "since this bridgehead had become useless through freezing of the Dnieper River, it was evacuated Sunday night unnoticed."

The Soviet offensive, spearheaded by tanks, cavalry and ski troops, in the Nevel area was punching toward Polotsk.

A Moscow dispatch from Associated Press correspondent Eddy Gilmore said the Russians were "dangerously close" to Polotsk, while other Soviet units "brought an imminent threat" to Vitebsk.

### 20,000 Nazis Killed In Northern Advance

Twenty thousand Germans already had been killed and 2,000 captured, a Moscow communique announced Sunday night in the first Soviet mention of the big offensive. The broadcast bulletin said the Red Army had cracked German positions on a 50-mile front to a depth of nearly 20 miles, routed three German infantry and one tank division and destroyed or captured huge quantities of war material.

Gilmore's Moscow dispatch said "one of the most significant features of the breakthrough is the fact that the Soviets now are but little more than 200 miles from Riga. Between the advanced positions and Riga run two main trunk railways which the Germans use for supplying the whole Leningrad and northwest fronts. These now are within striking distance."

### 2,000,000 Homeless

BERNE (AP)—Berlin is now three-fifths destroyed and nearly 2,000,000 persons are homeless, the Basel National Zeitung quoted an unnamed Swiss eyewitness of the R.A.F.-R.C.A.F. raids on the German capital as saying today.



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## Nazi Perpetrators of Atrocities In Kharkov Hang In City Square

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW (AP)—The bodies of three German soldiers and a Russian who had confessed he helped them commit atrocities against the Russian people, swung today from the public gallows in the icy wind of Kharkov's main square.

The three were hanged Sunday, a day following their convictions by a military tribunal of the Fourth Ukrainian Front in the first war criminal trial.

A crowd of 40,000 saw the condemned men strung up, and since that time hundreds have flocked into the city from faraway sections of Kharkov province to see visible proof that the verdict was carried out.

The men hanged were Wilhelm Langheid, a Gestapo captain; Hans Ritz, vice-commander of a storm troop company; Richard Ratzlaw, Gestapo auxiliary police corporal and Mikhail Bulanov, a Russian who served as a chauffeur for the Gestapo.

(The German radio ignored the trials, with their testimony and admissions of mass execution of Russian civilians.)

### All Nazi Savages Will Be Made to Pay

Today an editorial in Pravda, Communist Party organ, warned Germany that Hitler and his henchmen await the same fate.

"All of them, from the sergeant bandit to the general bandit will pay for their deeds in full," declared the editorial.

The question of whether a criminal is the person who gives the order or the one who actually carries it out received one answer at the Kharkov trials. All the four men convicted pleaded guilty, but each said he only was carrying out orders.

Definition of "war criminal" is one of the problems facing the United Nations commission in London for investigating war crimes.

Before they were put to death, all the prisoners were allowed a last word, dispatches to Moscow newspapers said.

Gestapo Captain Langheid, a member of the Nazi Party, said: "I have nothing to add to my testimony. I beat Russian war prisoners and according to my orders they were shot."

### Orders Came From Top Nazis

"I ask you to take into consideration the fact that I am not alone—such as I am the entire German army. I am not the only one who committed brutalities. I do not want to lessen my blame. For the real answer for the German atrocities in Russia you must look to the German government."

"The German government was able to suppress those noble characteristics of the German nation and to educate them into the lowest passions. This was brought about by propaganda and acts of mass terrorism."

Ritz, 24, also a member of the Nazi party, was quoted as saying: "The essence of the testimony is that I acted under orders. If I had not fulfilled these orders I would have been tried by a German military court and sentenced to death."

"I ask you to take into consideration my past life. When Hitler came to power I was only a child. Only 13. From that time on I was systematically subjected to the planned attention of the Hitlerite system under the myth of the superiority of the German race, that only the German nation should rule the earth."

### Hangman Himmler Among His Teachers

"I was taught that all other nations and races are lower and should be exterminated. This was impressed upon me by such teachers as Hitler, Rosenberg (Alfred Rosenberg, Hitler's Nazi philosopher) and Himmler (Heinrich Himmler, chief of the Gestapo), who in the same way educated the whole German people. From these same sources came the renewed thesis of the propaganda that the Russian nation is uncultured and not a valid government. Thus they taught us."

"During the total mobilization," Ritz was said to have continued, "I was sent to the front. When I reached the eastern front I saw that in all these sentences of Hitler, Rosenberg and others there was not a single word of truth."

"I found something else here—that under the banner of death and brutality is a system which cannot be correct. I appreciate that extermination of such a situation will be a just act."

Kharkov dispatches also gave this summary of additional testimony in the later stages of the trials:

### Hospital Burned With Wounded Inside

A Russian named Dzinchvildze: German storm troops set fire to a wing of the 69th Army hospital, where 400 badly wounded Russian soldiers lay.

Doors were nailed shut, and explosives were planted in the wing. Wounded men struggled from their cots, but were shot when they appeared at the windows. Only about 50 patients were saved by nurses. The Germans, returning the next day, shot all the soldiers they could find.

A Prof. Katov: One badly-wounded soldier was nailed to the side of a building. German soldiers laughed, while one took pictures.

Witness Besplov, who lived in Sokolniki Park in Kharkov: He watched the execution of "1,000 peoples," brought to prepared trenches and forced to undress, despite bitter cold. Those refusing to undress had their clothes torn off and were trampled to death in the trenches.

"Near my garden," Besplov continued, "the Germans dug an enormous ditch. For three days they sent people to this ditch. Among them were crying children clinging to their mothers' hands. Some people were desperate. They would spit in their torturers' faces and try to attack them with their bare fists. Sometimes the Germans threw these people into the ditch, then pitched hand grenades on them. Other times they just shot them down as the children clung to their parents."

### 4 Daily Papers In Washington, D.C., Without Printers

WASHINGTON (AP)—Washington's four daily newspapers were without Typographical help today, following a general walk-out of composingroom crews, and the reading public had the news served up in sharply curtailed form.

Affected by the dispute, growth out of new contract negotiations between the Washington Publishers' Association, and the Columbia Typographical Union, No. 101, were the Washington Post (morning), the Times-Herald, publishing in both the morning and evening fields, the Evening Star, and the Washington (evening), serving some 625,000 readers.

Wage differences were involved, stemming from a union demand for a \$1 a day increase, but neither management nor union made public specific details of non-agreement.

The stoppage began Sunday night when the union voted to remain in continuous session, and members failed to show up at the newspaper shops. The Post managed to issue a thin morning edition of 10 pages with a handful of Typographers who were on duty before the union resolution was adopted.

### TYPEWRITTEN PAGES

The Times-Herald also issued a 10-page morning paper, using material already in type on inside pages and with a front page put together by typewriting the most important stories, photographing them, and "plating" the page, thus skipping the Typographical process.

Prospects for getting out the afternoon editions of the Star, the News and the Times-Herald appeared slim, all three reporting no printers were on duty this morning.

A federal conciliator was attempting to bring about a settlement of the controversy, on motion of the publishers.

A statement issued by the Publishers' Association said negotiations for a new contract had been in process for some time, under an arbitration clause in effect between the publishers and the union since 1886.

At union headquarters, it was stated simply that "there is no strike."

### Logging Agreements Signed On Island

VANCOUVER (CP)—Officials of three locals of the International Woodworkers of America signed 13 agreements for logging and sawmill workers on Vancouver Island at the week-end, Nigel Morgan, executive board member, announced today.

The contracts will be placed before the operators Tuesday for their signatures.

All agreements were signed at a union meeting in Nanaimo. Owen Brown of Duncan and H. Valley, signed for the operations under their jurisdiction. Walter Yates and A. Dewhurst represented the Alberni employees. Jack G. Higgins and E. Anderson signed for the Courtenay workers.

In his address to the workers in Nanaimo, Morgan said: "During 1943 we have placed 10,000 members under union contract. By next spring I expect the union will represent 30,000 members."

"Contracts include Comox Logging and Railway Co.; Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Co. Ltd., Industrial Timber Mills Ltd. and Alberni Pacific Lumber Co. Ltd."

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## 4,500 Japs Killed On Gilbert Islands

NEW YORK (AP)—A Tokyo broadcast heard today by U.S. government monitors said Japanese forces on Tarawa and Makin Islands in the Gilberts had "died heroically to the last man" in their final "charge against the enemy Nov. 25."

The broadcast said 3,000 Japanese troops and about 1,500 civilians in naval service all were killed.

A Tokyo broadcast recorded by the Associated Press said Rear Admiral Kenji Shibasaki, commander of the garrison, was among those killed.

### Fire in Montreal

MONTREAL (CP)—Fire of unknown origin today gutted the Christian Brothers' printing plant on downtown Cote Street here. Loss is estimated at \$100,000. Eleven brothers were rescued by firemen.

### 2 Die in Crash

KINGSTON, Ont. (CP)—Two airmen believed attached to No. 31 service flying training school, R.A.F., were killed Sunday when their aircraft crashed in a field near Millhaven, 16 miles west of Kingston.

### Crash Causes Death

PRINCE RUPERT (CP)—An R.C.A.F. officer lost his life when a flying boat crashed and burned in the harbor Sunday night in making a landing.

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### Falls From Train

CALGARY (CP)—Suffering a fracture of the skull and badly

frozen hands and feet when he fell from an Edmonton-Calgary passenger train Sunday and lay unconscious on the C.N.R. right-of-way for more than 14 hours, C. V. Bailey, Winnipeg, C.N.R. passenger brakeman, was in a hospital here today.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Cantata—"The Light of Life," Belmont Church, Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 8 p.m. Collection. \*\*\*

Don't forget China this Christmas! Please send money for medical and refugee supplies to 737 Pandora, or drop in tins in Chinese stores. Committee for Medical Aid for China. \*\*\*

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Winning numbers in No. 5 District A.R.P. turkey draw: 228, 964, 1624, 1527, 201, 1879, 70, 452, 1537, 16. Turkeys must positively be claimed any time after 1 p.m., Wednesday, at 2564 Graham St. Any turkey not claimed will be drawn again. T. A. Cresswell, district warden.

Winner of cake, Uplands Golf Club Russian bazaar, Mrs. J. O'Grady, 2559 Cranmore Rd. \*\*\*



### AWARDS EISENHOWER LEGION OF MERIT—

President Roosevelt, wearing a polka dot tie, awards the Legion of Merit to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower during the President's trip to Cairo and Teheran for the recent conferences. (Telephoto).

## Ship Blows Up, Fire Sweeps Oslo, More Explosions

By EDWIN SHANKE

STOCKHOLM (AP)—Oslo was shaken today by explosions of ammunition which had been thrown into the city by the blowing up of a German munitions ship in the harbor 24 hours earlier.

The German-controlled Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau called the blast the worst catastrophe the Norwegian capital ever experienced.

There was no official list of casualties. First reports said four were killed.

The Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau said:

"German soldiers are fighting the fires today, but they are forced to duck into shelter regularly because of recurrent explosions. Many streets are barricaded because of the force of blasts from bombs and shells thrown into the city. Enormous damage was caused in the harbor area, which now is evacuated."

The explosion occurred at 2.30

p.m. Sunday while the Germans were unloading the munitions ship. The blast was felt for miles. Windows were smashed all over the town, but the main street, Karl Johann, and the Town Hall suffered especially.

Although there was widespread speculation whether sabotage was responsible, and many Norwegians feared reprisals, German authorities were quoted as saying the explosion was "pure accident."

## Berliners Still Digging Out Bodies

STOCKHOLM (AP)—The bodies of Berlin residents are still being removed from smoking ruins a month after the heavy R.A.F.-R.C.A.F. assaults on the German capital began, and Nazi authorities are discussing a 100 per cent evacuation of the city, Swedish correspondents reported today.

"Berlin is a ghost city—a home for corpses and grey-faced inhabitants living in basements," said one cabled dispatch.

Walls are being pulled down by chains attached to captured Allied tanks and armored cars, many of which still have anti-Nazi remarks painted on their sides, it was said.

### Guelph Death

GUELPH, Ont. (CP)—Word was received here today of the death in Ottawa of Miss Hope Brydon, former women's page editor of the Guelph Daily Mercury and widely known in Ontario newspaper circles. She died following an operation.

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**Fire at Moose Jaw Causes Much Damage**

MOOSE JAW, Sask. (CP)—Swept by a 50-mile-an-hour wind, one of the worst prairie fires seen in the Moose Jaw district was put out Sunday after thousands of dollars' damage. Ranch lands were blackened, buildings destroyed and some livestock killed. No human beings were injured.

The blaze, starting south of Mortlach, spread over a 12-mile area toward Boharm, Boharm, and more than 500 volunteers from Moose Jaw fought the fire for 11 hours.

Barns on the farms of Mrs. Marie Nelson and Archie McIntyre southwest of Boharm, were destroyed. Mrs. Nelson lost all the buildings on her property except her home. Some pigs also were killed.

Volunteers from Moose Jaw included members of the reserve army, Veterans' Civil Security Corps and Veterans Guard of Canada.

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## B.C. Municipalities Re-elect 20 Reeves

Canadian Press  
In 20 of British Columbia's 27 municipalities the 1943 reeves have been re-elected. Seventeen were returned to office by acclamation when nominations closed last Monday, and three more won at the polls Saturday.

S. Mussallem was the only 1943 Reeve seeking re-election who failed to get back into office, being defeated in Maple Ridge by H. S. Cunningham. Frank Farmer emerged the winner in a two-way battle in Salmon Arm.

Saturday the voters in municipalities also named 11 councils and six school boards. The remaining councils and school boards had been elected by acclamation nomination day.

There was one plebiscite. Burnaby voters decided to do away with the ward system for its council, and in future will elect its councillors from the municipality at large. The vote was 1,497 for discarding the ward system, 1,074 against.

Kamloops, the only city which did not complete its line-up when other city elections were held last Thursday, elected a council Saturday, sending three aldermen back for another term. They are: W. J. Moffat, J. E. Fitzwater and G. E. Scanlan. Other Kamloops officials had been filled by acclamation.

## Canadian Airman At Party in Sweden

STOCKHOLM (AP)—Sgt. Murday, 25, one of the Canadian airmen who parachuted to safety after his bomber crashed in Sweden Dec. 16, thought he had crashed in Denmark until he walked in on a birthday party.

The newspaper Svenska Dagbladet said the airman at a farm at Faraboll, where he was the guest of honor at a farmer's 50th birthday party.

Murday was quoted as saying that after parachuting into what seemed to be Denmark, he did not want to show himself. When he got hungry, however, he tried a farmhouse where 100 Swedes were celebrating. Murday is an ex-school teacher.

## Families In S.W. England Moved From Homes As U.S. Armies Come

By BARBARA WACE

SOMEWHERE IN SOUTH-WEST ENGLAND (AP)—Even with the war on, the five days before Christmas will be a gay time in the country towns and on the farms of North America. But in this corner of England, today means the end of normal life for 3,000 people.

Every cottage, store, farmhouse and inn must be evacuated so that the United States army can move in to set up a second front training area. The people are leaving their homes, taking with them all the accumulated treasures of a lifetime. Many of the farms and cottages have been in the same family for 200 years.

In this village, some nights ago, lifelong friends discussed the situation. Behind the bar, Mrs. Lavers, the lively little tavern keeper, smiled bravely as she poured good English ale and cider.

### KEEPS HER SON

For 20 years, first with her husband, and after his death, alone, she has worked behind the bar to make a livelihood for her boy. Now she has to find a new home.

"Still, we can't grumble, can we, Dan?" she asked a smiling figure at the bar. She turned to push Dan's mug a little nearer—and I saw she was blind.

"You've got to keep your chin up, is what I say," said Dan Lumscomb, in his soft West Country burr. "So long as I've a roof over my head, I won't grumble."

George Trout and Harry Steer drank their ale in bewildered silence. A 70-year-old fisherman, Steer murmured at last to Mrs. Lavers, "Where be I going, Missus, I go with you. Afterwards I learned that man had lost his cottage, his granddaughter in a raid in 1941. Now he must move again. Old, tired, it was hard for him to understand. He feared being sent to a city."

## U.S. Supply Chief Says Canol Oil Project Vital Necessity

WASHINGTON (AP)—Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell testified today that the \$130,000,000 Canol oil development in northwestern Canada was made imperatively necessary by "the desperate outlook" of the war in the dark days of 1942.

Opposing the recommendations of the War Production Board chairman, Donald M. Nelson and Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes, who had advocated junking the project about which they said they had not been consulted, Somervell told the Senate Truman committee:

"Any inference or statement made that the Canol project was handled in a cavalier fashion and without reference to my associates is entirely without foundation."

Somervell said he had discussed the project with members of the general staff concerned and that it was "entirely outside Mr. Nelson's jurisdiction."

"There was no set-up in his organization at that time in a position to help us and with jurisdiction outside the United States," declared Somervell, who ordered the development.

As for Ickes, the chief of the Army's Service Supply declared, "practically the same thing was true."

"It was entirely outside his jurisdiction," the witness continued.

### Had All Facts Then Known

"We had all the data. In the Petroleum Co-ordinator's Office as it existed at that time, there were no petroleum men available to help us."

Somervell defended the project against repeated criticism of it by Chairman Harry Truman (Dem.-Mo.).

He consumed an hour in an effort to show that the decision to drill wells in the Norman fields, Fort Norman, N.W.T., and build a pipeline to Whitehorse, Yukon, and a refinery at the latter point, all at United States expense, was "sound."

He went next into the "feasibility" of the project and outlined later discussion of whether it was constructed "competently," whether it should be expanded and finally whether the postwar interests of the United States are "protected."

Even today, looking at it from "hind-side" judgment, he declared the conclusion that it should have been undertaken appeared "inescapable."

"Those were desperate days, indeed," he said. "In December, 1941, we had lost the fleet, as an offensive weapon; it was out of the picture for months to come," he asserted.

Detailing the mounting losses, the shelling of "west coast refineries by a Japanese submarine," and the subsequent landing of shells in Oregon, he said there

Trout, the 72-year-old sexton, quietly slipped his cider. "What must be must be what I say," he stated philosophically at last—and asked for another pint.

I found the 84-year-old parson sitting in his rambling vicarage—a room strewn with his possessions—all of which go with him to the bed-sitting room found for him in a nearby town. He was cheerfully making out his list of groceries and preparing to pack the church plate.

Outside there was much activity. United States army trucks moved with difficulty up and down the steep grades, preparing for the coming troops.

The first villager to leave, 89-year-old Grandma Guest, was helped out to a waiting car.

There she had been born, worked as a fisherman, married, raised seven children and two little orphan neighbors. Into the car were packed innumerable bundles—pathetic collection of a lifetime's souvenirs and treasures.

### CAN'T BE HELPED

"It's hard," she kept repeating, "when you've been married here—and with my sons away at sea. But it can't be helped, they tell me."

By the well a tired-looking woman with three children drew water for the weekly washing. "I've not found anywhere yet, for people round don't want any more children—they've already got full up with evacuees from London. But I expect the government will find something for me."

As I walked down to the bus, past a shadowy yard where a couple still worked in the dark to lift their mangel-wurzels (root vegetables for feeding stock), a tall man joined me. Talking quietly of a new home for himself, his wife and child, he added quietly: "I just got back from a German prison camp—so anything will seem better than that."

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## Canada's Honor Roll

**KILLED**  
Canadian Armored Corps  
Graven, George Philip, Lieut., Toronto.  
Royal Canadian Artillery  
Pollock, Joseph Michael, Lieut., Iffley, Sask.  
Vauzelle, Guy, Lieut., Montreal, Que.  
MISSING  
Blanchard, Joseph Alfred, Lieut., Charlottetown, P.E.I.  
Western Ontario Regiment  
Aurand, Joseph Edward, Pte., St. Leonards, Sussex, Eng.  
Hoch, George Frederick, Pte., Kitchener, Ontario.  
Royan, Don Francis, Pte., Windsor, Ontario.  
McIntyre, James Roy, A-Sgt., Dauphin, Manitoba.  
KILLED  
Canadian Armored Corps  
Royer, Lucien Hector, A.L.-Cpl., Montreal, Quebec.  
Forsyth, Leonard Joseph, Pte., Montreal, Que.  
Nava Scotia and P.E.I. Regiment  
Benjamin, William Allen, Pte., Kentville, N.S.  
Cooke, Clarence William, Pte., Verdun, Quebec.  
Living, Arthur Barry, Edgerton, Pte., Bonaville, Ont.  
Young, Roy Arthur, Pte., Lunenburg, N.S.  
New Brunswick Regiment  
Fraser, Scott Esler, A.L.-Cpl., Holliston, Mass.  
Harris, Frank George, Pte., Saint John, N.B.  
Mahoney, Gerald Florence, A-Cpl., Saint John, N.B.  
Titus, Harold Leslie, Pte., Saint John, N.B.  
Saskatchewan Regiment  
Johnston, William Russell, A-Sgt., To-bermossie, Ont.  
Alberta Regiment  
Schwartz, Pete, Pte., Athabasca, Alta.  
DEAD OF WOUNDS  
Lavigne, Leonce, Pte., Valleyfield, Que.  
Lehoucq, Armand, Pte., Montreal, Que.  
New Brunswick Regiment  
Blagov, Hardy Delbert, Pte., St. Croix, N.B.  
SERIOUSLY WOUNDED  
Royal Canadian Artillery  
Smith, Arthur William, Cmr. Aris, Ont.  
Canadian Armored Corps  
Leror, Clarence Wesley, Pte., Cochrane, Ont.  
Royal Canadian Artillery  
Dale, Jimmie, Cmr., London, Ont.  
Harvey, Carl Pte., Matigou, N.B.  
McAllister, James Peter, Cmr., Grr., Victoria, B.C.  
Wray, William Cyril, Cmr., Ottawa, Ont.  
Western Canadian Regiment  
Wilcox, Cyril Grant, Pte., Humberstone, Ontario.  
Quebec Regiment  
Forsyth, Leonard, Sgt., Verdun, Que.  
Nova Scotia and P.E.I. Regiment  
Cormier, Justin Joseph, Pte., Port Klein, W.B.  
Elliot, Richard Rodick, A-Cpl., Montreal, Que.  
Gallant, James Lawrence, Pte., Coleman, P.E.I.  
Marshall, William, Pte., Ekoskonj, Cape Breton, N.S.  
New Brunswick Regiment  
Clark, Chester, Pte., Guelph, Ont.  
Evans, James Alexander, Pte., Brantford, Ont.  
O'Neill, Charles Joseph, Pte., Summerside, P.E.I.  
Savoie, Alex Joseph, Pte., Dalhousie, N.S.  
Waters, Harold, Pte., Quebec, Que.  
Weatherstone, Donald Eugene, Pte., West-erville, N.S.  
Alberta Regiment  
Powell, James, Pte., Hammond, B.C.  
Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps  
Kelly, Patrick Frank, Pte., Middle East Forces.  
REPORTED NOT WOUNDED  
Central Ontario Regiment  
Bacon, Frank, Pte., Toronto, Ont.  
MISSING  
McIntyre, Byron Douglas, A.L.-Cpl., Saint John, N.B.

## Raid Possibilities Disturbed Officials

"There were unfortunate possibilities of raids—not alarms," he declared.

He detailed then the decision to develop the oil fields at Fort Norman as a nearby source of oil and gasoline for the defence of Alaska.

U.S. sources at Point Barrow and elsewhere, he declared, were considered "too exposed."

"The security of the whole Pacific was in jeopardy and danger," he continued.

He said Gen. Pyron, his oil expert, and others recommended the development of the Norman fields for whatever they would produce and he recommended the project along with oil development in New Zealand.

"Alaska was under threat," he asserted. "We needed the oil. Everything pointed conclusively to the decision. It looks as if it was the only thing to do."

## Part of Strategy Of Offensive War

Allied chiefs of staff have made the Canol developments an essential part of their grand strategy for a global offensive war, Somervell declared.

"It is not a question of completing the project, in my mind," he said. "It is a question for expansion. I have no doubt funds will be sought for expansion soon."

Somervell disclosed that oil started through pipelines at the Norman wells field last week.

"We might as well have gotten off Tarawa after having killed all but one squad of Japs as to get out of there (Canol) now," he said.

"Fortunately we struck oil far in excess of our wildest expectations," he declared. "It is certain to be a 50,000,000-barrel field and probably a 100,000,000-barrel field."

Somervell said \$24,000,000 remains to be spent on the Canol project, including \$8,500,000 for oil prospecting.

"We want to develop all the oil we can for the war and we want reserves for ourselves when the war is over," he said.

He termed Canol the "biggest oil field that has been discovered in the North American continent in 15 years."

He said the armed forces are particularly short of high test gasoline such as can be produced at the army's project.

## Today's WAR NEWS Analysis

By WILLIAM FRYE

Associated Press War Analyst  
The hints and promises of a European invasion, getting broader and stronger by the day, have picked up reinforcement from an unexpected quarter—Allied headquarters in Algiers.

A report by Wes Gallagher of the Associated Press makes it clear the Italian campaign is far behind schedule, that its principal gain has been a network of mainland air bases, and that the western Mediterranean campaign no longer is considered a major offensive.

It has, of course, been obvious for some time that the Anglo-American march on Rome was not packing anything like the punch of the march in Tunisia. The real significance of this report from Algiers lies in its plain statements, passed by military censors, that (1) the Italian surrender turned out to be less important militarily than the Allies had hoped, (2) other theatres now take priority in supplies and troops and (3) the Allies really don't care now whether they capture Rome or not.

The "bad" terrain and unfavorable weather explanation of slow progress has some validity, says Gallagher, but not as much as these other factors. And nobody now expects a decisive blow to be struck in Italy.

Fitted into the pattern of other

recent developments, this all lends strength to the belief the Allies are preparing a heavy blow for western Europe. It follows the Teheran promise of New attacks from the west, south and east. It follows Foreign Secretary Eden's prediction of invasion in the near future. And it comes in the midst of a new flurry of reports and rumors of important Allied staff and command changes, all more or less concerned with the huge reservoir of troops and supplies amassed in Britain.

One of these reports is that Gen. George C. Marshall will not, after all, command the invasion forces. Another is that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will move from Algiers to London to command the invasion, leaving the Mediterranean to Gen. Sir Harold Alexander. None of the reports has official confirmation, but the fact remains that staff changes of considerable extent seem to be in progress.

And presumably they are due to an approaching invasion. Of the new offensives promised at Teheran, that from the east already has started with the new Red Army drive south of Nevel toward the Latvian border, opening a great winter push in which the Germans have admitted breakthroughs.

The blow from the west may be next.

That is the consensus from a survey of public opinion by the Gallup Poll from coast to coast. The study was not begun until after the country had had a chance to acquaint itself thoroughly with the published facts and comments concerning the episode in which Patton slapped an enlisted man, to whom he afterwards apologized.

While the disposition of the affair is strictly a military matter, the reaction of the civilian public is important because it involves the question of public confidence in the army high command.

The survey found that 85 per cent out of every 100 interviewed are familiar with the incident, and those persons were asked:

"Leaving aside questions of military policy, which way would you as a citizen have greater confidence in the army high command—If General Patton is brought back to the United States, or if he is left in charge of his troops in Italy?"

The replies show a ratio of better than 3 to 1 in favor of leaving the general at his post. Should he be brought back to U.S., 22 per cent; should he be left in charge of his troops in Italy, 70 per cent; undecided, 8 per cent.

Voters included in the survey who have a family member or close relative serving in the armed forces are no more critical of Patton than the rest of the country. In fact, they show a slightly higher vote (72 per cent) than the average for leaving him where he is.

Members of the City Hall Employees' Association gathered Saturday evening at the K. of P. Hall for their annual Christmas dinner and entertainment.

V. McN. Rolfe, city electrical inspector, acted as chairman and toastmaster.

Musical and vocal numbers were presented by a group in charge of W. E. Farmer, city milk inspector. Catering, which included turkey with all the trimmings, was in charge of W. Carter, head of the city carpentering department. R. H. Smith, assistant city engineer, was chairman of the refreshment committee. Financial arrangements were in charge of Miss Yvonne Melkie, secretary to the city engineer.

At a meeting of W.A. to Britannia Branch No. 7, Canadian Legion, under Mrs. E. Jarvis, \$25 was donated to the W.A. to B.C. Provincial Command for comforts for the Veterans' Home Guard. Other donations include \$10 to Tranquille Sanatorium for Veterans; \$10 to the Orphanage and fruit to the Solarium. Mrs. E. Jarvis reported cigarettes had been sent to boys overseas with Christmas cards enclosed. Annual meeting will be held Jan. 13. Card social will be held Jan. 13 and 27. The memorial tablet will be in charge of Mrs. D. Shubrook and Mrs. E. Pearson; Mrs. H. Miller and Mrs. D. Ree will attend legion funerals.

## U.S. Troops Closing in On Arawe Airstrip

By C. YATES McDaniel

ADVANCE ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NEW GUINEA (AP)—A steady advance up the Cape Merkus peninsula has carried United States troops to the vicinity of the Arawe airstrip, six miles east of the New Britain beachhead they won less than a week ago.

The operation has gone almost "according to plan" since the main force drawn from Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger's 6th Army went ashore on the southwest coast of the Japanese-held island late Wednesday morning.

Even enemy reaction to the American landing closely followed the expectations of Allied strategists. Reports from Arawe up to late Saturday referred to the slackening of Japanese diving and straining attacks which began shortly after the invaders had gained a foothold at Arawe.

PLANES DRIVEN OFF  
Nipponese planes kept up their raids on a day and night basis, but Allied interceptors proved more than a match for them.

Easing of the pressure from the air may be due to failure of the enemy attacks to prevent the expansion of the 6th Army's beachhead, or to cause sufficient damage of U.S. personnel and equipment to make continuance of the raids worth the price.

That price reached 23 planes destroyed by mid-day Saturday. The Allied air forces not only beat off the enemy attacks, but spread new devastation on Japanese bases along both coasts of the 300-mile long island, including a heavy fighter stab at Rabaul harbor.

Possibility that the presently unserviceable Arawe airstrip may be in United States hands by this time was suggested by the head quarters spokesman's statement that the Americans are approaching the field. He said the bulletin was based on reports as of late Saturday.

Capture of the airstrip would give the Allies another hopping-off point for aerial attacks on Rabaul, the main Japanese base on New Britain, which is 260 miles from Arawe. But Allied planes already have struck at Rabaul from newly won bases in the Solomons.

This first all-fighter sweep over Rabaul in the war was

staged Friday by south Pacific fliers under Admiral William F. Halsey.

Halsey's spokesman said the 80 planes came from "various south Pacific bases," but reports from Allied headquarters indicated at least part of the fighter force came from the new airstrip carved out of the Bougainville jungles at Empress Augusta Bay, 250 airline miles from Rabaul.

Halsey's spokesman said the raid served its purpose—not to strafe the enemy positions but to stir up the Japanese fighter planes. Forty Zeros rose to meet the Americans. Six were shot down.

Japanese airmen still sought to break through the dawn-to-dusk air umbrella protecting the newly won New Britain beachhead.

## CAPTURE VILLAGE

Concentrated artillery fire supported 6th Army troops cleaning out Japanese remnants in the Cape Merkus area of the Arawe sector, the Allied communique reported the capture of the village of Umtingaur and said medium artillery levelled Japanese defences to facilitate the victory.

Two enemy airfields which constituted potential threats to the Arawe holding were plastered by Allied airmen. At Cape Gloucester on the head west tip of New Britain, fliers dropped 190 tons of bombs and destroyed a parked enemy bomber. At Cape Hoskins air-drome, midway along the island between Cape Gloucester and Rabaul, airmen raked the refueling base and set a grounded plane afire.

On Bougainville Island, last major Japanese holding in the Solomons, U.S. forces with artillery support continued to press their drive for higher ground overlooking their eight-mile beachhead.

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### 'Second Front' Near?

LONDON NEWSPAPERS TODAY ARE permitted to publish what the Daily Mail describes as the greatest troop transportation movement in the history of Britain. The world also is told that trans-Atlantic liners are so jammed with men these days that overtaxed accommodations have almost reduced the uninformed "passengers" to resort to "straphanging." And what is even still more to the point is the admission from Moscow that the great Russian winter attack in the northern part of the long eastern front is now six days old—and is gaining momentum hour by hour. This latter development, of course, bears out in precise detail the announcement from the Russian capital last Wednesday that "this winter will see a Soviet offensive on a larger scale than ever before." What is transpiring between points west of Smolensk and newly-captured Nevel suggests that the early reduction of strategically-important Polotsk will likewise render untenable to the enemy the vital key centre of Vitebsk. Of special importance, too, is the announcement that the Red Army has smashed the southern anchor of Hitler's Russian front at the lower extremity of the Dnieper—an admission, incidentally, which comes from Berlin.

Regardless of whether the troop movements announced in Britain can be taken to mean that a cross-channel invasion of the continental European coastline is imminent, developments in the frozen area of the northern section of the Russian front obviously create the impression that the drive "from the east" is the forerunner of attacks "from the south and west" in accordance with the "timing" and "scope" of the operations decided upon by the "Big Three" at Tehran. Last week's intimation that Marshal Erwin Rommel was flitting hither and yon over the western area of "Festung Europa" lends weight to military activity in Britain; for it can be taken for granted that enemy intelligence will have found ways and means of noting conditions obtaining in the numerous coastal towns of the "right little isle." Some of the elements of surprise may be preserved, such as special techniques of landing, and so on; but the long-awaited opening of the so-called second front will no doubt be visible for many hours before it begins. For this, however, we must rest our souls in patience.

### Getting Together

THERE IS MUCH TO BE SAID FOR THE kind of international gathering held in Spokane last week. Sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Trade Association, it brought together businessmen from British Columbia, the Yukon, Alaska, Washington, Oregon and Idaho. The discussions revealed a mutuality of interests in many fields. And the whole of the Pacific Northwest owes a special word of commendation to Mr. Miller Freeman, the well-known Seattle publisher of the many excellent and progressive publications which bear his name, whose initiative and indefatigable labors in consistently emphasizing the association's objective cannot be too highly regarded.

Of particular importance to all those who attended the Spokane conference was the question of getting a "feeder" route built through British Columbia to the Alaska Highway. The siphoning off of trade from this far northwestern territory of the United States to the east by way of Chicago already has reached what the American delegates described as nothing short of alarming. To expedite the building of the proposed Prince George "feeder," moreover, Congressman Magnuson is appealing to the Congress in Washington for \$6,000,000 to supplement a similar sum which British Columbia's Premier Hart has set aside for this purpose. As the Spokane Spokesman-Review says editorially, "The Northwest Trade Association proposes that these states, provinces and territories work together in peace as they are working together in war to promote their common interests." To this end, therefore, its program contemplates removal of all trade and immigration barriers between the United States and Canada, equalization of American and Canadian currencies, abolition of censorship between the two countries, planning of a program of permanent defence for the north Pacific region and association of official agencies and civic organizations on both sides of the boundary in the general scheme for building up this great empire. And to all of which every British Columbian will add a resounding Amen; for, willy-nilly, our lot in the Pacific Northwest is going to be closely associated with that of our neighbors on the immediate south.

### Money Not Their Reward

THE OTTAWA JOURNAL, PUBLISHED in the capital where it has opportunity to observe and know politicians, pays tribute to the integrity of men who have occupied responsible positions in the public life of Canada. Many of them have retired from the active sphere, or died in office, poorer than when they entered the service of their country. In fact, the exceptions are so few and far between as to admit the generalization that political life leads in a direction

opposite to that of riches or financial independence. For a case in which any of our Dominion ministers have been shown guilty of financial misbehavior in office, the Journal says we must go back more than 50 years.

Mr. Fielding, one of the most capable ministers of finance Canada ever had, and who occupied the office from 1896 to 1911, which was one of the most prosperous and expansive eras in the country's history, died a poor man. The cases of many others less prominent parallel his. Here in British Columbia, in recent years at least, we know from personal contacts that the men are few who have left public office better off than when they entered. For every one who might have been able to save a little out of his regular stipends, there are a dozen who have been definitely the poorer. Most of them during their terms of office sacrificed business and professional connections and incomes. When they left office they faced the problem of recouping their personal fortunes. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and Mr. Asquith are two modern British cases.

### Life Of Parliament

SUGGESTIONS THAT THE OTTAWA government might very well get on without calling an election during the war remind us that the present Parliament in Britain—recently having renewed its life for another year—is the fourth longest in her history. The Elizabethan, 1572-83; the Long, 1640-53; and the Pensionary, 1661-79, all sat for a longer period than the ninth Parliament of the late King George V.

The present Parliament at Westminster, incidentally, began its life on Dec. 3, 1935, but the ceremonies planned for that occasion were sharply curtailed because the King's sister, the Princess Victoria, had died and official England was in mourning. His Majesty's traditional speech from the Throne was unusually brief; and while Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin reaffirmed Britain's belief in and allegiance to the League of Nations and her desire to avoid war, events throughout the world at that time were inexorably tracing the steady approach to a catastrophe in Europe—with the Japanese conquest of Manchuria having provided the stage setting for new aggression in the Orient. Italian troops on that December day eight years ago were deep in Ethiopia; Adolf Hitler had been in power for two months less than three years; and there were more than veiled hints that the arrogant men of Berlin had designs on the territorial integrity of Czechoslovakia.

The ninth Parliament of the present monarch's father, moreover, was but three months old when Adolf Hitler sent his troops into the demilitarized Rhineland—without opposition from either France or Britain. And before its constitutional limit of five years had run its course the present conflict had broken out; politics took on a solid front against the enemy; the party truce appears to be in no serious danger of disturbance; Mr. Churchill's popularity will increase—if that is possible—as his compatriots watch the daily bulletins from "somewhere in Africa"; and shudder at the thought of his prolonged absence from his historic Downing Street.

There is little prospect that the British electorate will go to the polls while the war in Europe rages; indeed, the life of Parliament may be extended from year to year until the last shot is fired. But the fact remains, and the people of Britain are conscious of it, that no person under 28, and that would include most of her fighting men, has voted in a general election. A species of restlessness is bound to manifest itself sooner or later among this element.

The prospect of another wartime election in Canada, of course, need have no disturbing features; the physical pressures of the conflict are not felt on this side of the Atlantic. At the same time, the constitutional life of the present Parliament does not expire until the early summer of 1945, and the Prime Minister has set forth the conditions under which he would feel compelled to appeal to the people before that date. But he has made it clear, too, that he will not ask for an extension of his lease.

### Publicity Stunt

NOW IT TURNS OUT THAT MR. JOHN Bracken's application to the CBC for the broadcasting of his Hamilton speech was a publicity stunt engineered by high-priced public relations experts in the service of the Progressive Conservative Party. They insisted the speech would be of a political nature, knowing that it would thus have to be turned down because of the rule barring controversial political speeches except during election campaigns. They refused to amend it to comply with regulations under which they might have had half an hour network time. Few people would have paid attention to the speech, had it not been for the advertising which the clever publicity boys were thus able to get for it. This advertising with the controversy thus stirred up, is rated as of far higher political value than anything that could have been gained by the actual broadcasting of the speech.

"Swan Lake," favorite and most poetic of Tchaikovsky's ballets, said Alexander Werth on BBC's Russian commentary recently, was being performed—the prima ballerina, Semyonova, dancing with exquisite grace, the dreamy slow movements being performed with great beauty, and the whole orchestra rendering admirably Tchaikovsky's ingenious variety of rhythms. In the interval, the members of the conference assembled in the large white and golden foyer. And it was a great joy to see how friendly and informal the whole atmosphere was. As I watched Eden joking with Litvinov, I couldn't help remembering how these two men had done so much to avert catastrophe—but how they had failed because people wouldn't listen to them.

## Bruce Hutchison

### SHOCKING EXPOSE

A LONDON correspondent of the New York Times has revealed a disquieting fact about Mr. Churchill—disquieting, that is to say, to any man who prizes tobacco. For it is alleged that Mr. Churchill is no true smoker, no connoisseur of the blessed weed, but merely a gentleman who likes to smoke. His colleagues in the cabinet chamber have broken their oath of secrecy to the point of admitting that often Mr. Churchill smokes cigars of the lowest quality and vilest smell, to the discomfort of the assembled British government. He doesn't seem to care. He apparently doesn't know the difference. So long as it is a cigar, he is happy.

Now this is all very offensive to the intelligentsia of nicotine throughout the world. They had set high hopes on Mr. Churchill and have been disappointed. The first failure of his premiership has at last appeared. However, we can afford to leave this problem to the intelligentsia for most of us will be quite satisfied so long as Mr. Churchill smokes. But that is important. If Mr. Churchill were suddenly to stop smoking, or if he were to switch to a pipe or to cigarettes, then indeed there would be something to worry about.

### SYMBOLS

MR. CHURCHILL would still be the greatest leader in the modern history of his race even if he suddenly became the leader of a crusade against nicotine and proclaimed himself a teetotaler and vegetarian. But it wouldn't be quite the same. For the public likes to think in symbols and does not like to have its symbols disturbed. The familiar symbol, the trademark, the very landmark in the vast territory of Mr. Churchill's many-sided genius, is a cigar. A humble symbol for such a mighty force, perhaps, but just the right thing to bring down to earth, mark, distinguish and reveal to humble men everywhere the character of this man. By such a human vice as smoking Mr. Churchill is seen to be one of us.

No great leader can afford to be without such a symbol. In the same issue of the New York Times which reveals Mr. Churchill's lack of tobacco sense a great American historian discusses leaders throughout history and observes that the British people always relish some eccentricity in their Prime Ministers. They never like men who have no peculiarities of their own. It could be argued with merit, I think, that Mr. Baldwin would never have ruled Britain so long but for his pipe. Looking back on those years of bad government one is inclined, indeed, to believe that the people voted for the pipe and not for the man and they got what they voted for. In this case the symbol was unfortunately counterfeit.

### WE LIKE THEM

THIS FACT illustrates that the great danger of democracy—its habit of choosing leaders because it just likes them. We have too often voted for men because they smoked pipes, or kissed babies or had venerable white curls or a disarming smile. Again and again, as the American historian shows, the American people have chosen weak Presidents because they were agreeable and rejected strong men because they would not slap the public on the back. Britain has done the same thing and when it accepted Mr. Churchill it was not out of love or admiration, for he had long been in the doghouse. It was out of desperation and with misgivings. Then they discovered to their amazement that democratic politics at last had hit the jackpot.

These facts are presented here now because in Canada we have to face during the next few years many problems of leadership. We have to decide whether we are going to put into office good fellows, whom we like, or the ablest men, whom we don't like. I think our record lately in supreme leadership is not bad. We have generally chosen leaders whom we didn't particularly like. Mr. King has never been a popular man, has never mastered the gift of backslapping, and probably his greatest political liability is the fact that he has no redeeming vices, no human trade mark, no friendly eccentricity, not even a pipe or a cigarette or any feature that the cartoonists can get hold of. Lord Bennett was not chosen for his popularity either. Mr. Meighen certainly did not electrify the people with human warmth but, on the contrary was a one-man refrigeration plant.

### NEW MEN

BUT TIME GOES ON. Men grow old. New generations of voters arise. New leaders of all sorts will swarm into the politics of Canada during the next few years. We shall have to make a choice among innumerable aspirants. Are we going to choose them because we like them personally? Or because we know them to be men of ability who stand for some policy that we favor? Have we the sense to elect men who may be quite disagreeable and cranky but who could give us good government? Have we the sense to realize that when we choose a statesman we don't have to live with him on a desert island, and it is of no importance to us whether his table manners are good or bad, whether he is genial at breakfast, or whether he nags his wife? I do not know.

But it certainly is clear that many good men are lost to public life, many fail to enter it at all because they know they could not hope to be elected. They have brains. They have ability and ideas and integrity. But they are not good mixers. They cannot flatter the public, nor amuse it, nor put on an act before it. And they see on all sides the success of politicians who have little to offer but good manners and the trick of making themselves appear "like ordinary folks."

Sooner or later the real news of the Roosevelt-Stalin-Churchill conference will be turned loose on Germany.

## London Parade

By DOUG HOWE

### POLITICAL DILEMMA

THERE were those who thought the time had come for Labor to make up its mind, who thought that the political tide was full for a break from Winston Churchill's coalition government and a return to straight left vs. right conflict.

The dilemma of men like Herbert Morrison, Clement Attlee and Ernest Bevin was this: They could forsake their cabinet seats and risk cries of destroying national unity, or they could continue as they were and possible jeopardize the future of their Labor Party.

The parliamentary Labor group was reported in favor of their withdrawal. Its members argued that the Labor program and policy were being prejudiced and sold by continued participation with Conservatives in a merged cabinet.

The leftist Tribune stated flatly that Labor faced a postwar election against a Churchill-led Conservative Party and that "the relations between Tories and Labor in the government are bound to be influenced by the assumption that they will be fighting each other at the next general election."

"As a physical fact," said the Tribune, "the coalition continues. As a mental and spiritual entity it is already dead."

### AVOIDING BY-ELECTIONS

THE LEFTIST Statesman and Nation printed an article by Prof. Harold Laski, socialist intellectual, saying "it becomes difficult to see the purpose served by Labor's presence in the government except to save it from fighting by-elections against a real opposition with a real program."

The Tribune's editor, Aneurin Bevan, a Welsh M.P., carried into the Commons his growing criticism of Labor members of the cabinet. It was around him that a rebellion grew up over a temporary workmen's compensa-

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tion bill being guided through by Mr. Morrison.

He and the Home Secretary hooked in the fiercest Commons squabble of the war and Bevan was the official loser when an amendment was defeated on a division, 153-42.

The revolt came as a surprise because representative Labor bodies in and out of the House had agreed to the bill's provision of £4,500,000 as a stop-gap improvement until permanent proposals are brought in with the report on the Beveridge plan.

Both Morrison and Mr. Churchill had intimated the bill would be withdrawn if the opposition persevered. It came chiefly from the mining M.P.'s.

### THIS WAR—FOUR YEARS AGO

Dec. 20, 1939 — Capt. Hans Langsdorff of scuttled German battleship Admiral Graf Spee committed suicide in Buenos Aires. Canadian government announced that the 1st Canadian Division was to be supported by a Royal Canadian Air Force squadron under Sqdn. Ldr. W. D. Van Vleet of Winnipeg.

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# Today's Crossword Puzzle

**HORIZONTAL**

1 Pictured  
2 Spider, the  
3 Compass  
4 Disturbance  
5 Lair  
6 Aluminum  
7 (symbol)  
8 Type measure  
9 Volcanic  
10 (symbol)  
11 Lavender tree  
12 Was sealed  
13 Measure of  
14 Area  
15 Reclamation  
16 Urethra  
17 Crystallized  
18 Water  
19 Woody plant  
20 House  
21 Honey  
22 (symbol)  
23 Natives  
24 Tip  
25 Small particle  
26 Vegetables  
27 Propel self  
28 through water  
29 Auricle  
30 Measure of  
31 cloth  
32 (abbr.)  
33 Greek letter  
34 Transpose  
35 (abbr.)  
36 Near  
37 Postscript  
38 (abbr.)  
39 Provided that  
40 Eribium  
41 (symbol)  
42 Soul  
43 Operative solo  
44 Arrival  
45 (abbr.)  
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**VERTICAL**

1 Bismuth  
2 (symbol)  
3 Lirium  
4 Credit (abbr.)  
5 Knapsack  
6 Trouble  
7 That one  
8 Usual  
9 Us  
10 Programs  
11 Applications  
12 Donkey  
13 Mother  
14 Reclamation  
15 (symbol)  
16 Mino  
17 2,000 pounds  
18 Anger  
19 Pales  
20 Canvas  
21 Shelters  
22 Sharp sound  
23 Snake  
24 Willers  
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**(Answer to previous puzzle)**

1. DIVISION ARMY  
2. EARNEST CANOE  
3. EARLY SHYODA  
4. STALE APE EDER  
5. SEDAN PELEELS  
6. FACT PLASM  
7. FREE ALL TRAP  
8. SERIALISM  
9. SAP NOUN  
10. OCEANUS  
11. RETIUSSEIT  
12. ALLORE ONE  
13. LEAN ASKS  
14. DIVISION

## Italian Meals Too Much For Canadian Army Boys

By "CAP" ROY THORSEN  
Former Times Sports Writer  
WITH THE CANADIAN ARMY  
IN ITALY—Probably the feature about the peasant of this land which has struck me most is his and her teeth—they are lovely in almost every case. You see oldish ladies with dazlers, too, and they aren't store bought. The toothpaste outfits could find plenty of material here to help their advertising, although I guarantee it's not because of toothpaste. Most of these primitive folk have never seen a toothbrush, I'll wager. . . . The four eyes in two lads' faces were popping with wonder one morning as I brushed my teeth. I attribute the sound teeth they wear to the rugged food they eat—especially the bread which soon after baking is rock-like. They don't drink when they are eating.

**EYE-CATCHING**

Often as we meet the valley and hill folk, we see pretty faces complete with soft, brown eyes and lovely dark hair and trim figures obscured by rough clothing. Yes, there are some very eye-catching females in these hills. Done up in western modern world style they'd be real smashers. Gosh! I've a hankering to woo a couple of these signorinas—we are all kicking ourselves for not taking more interest in our Latin lessons. I have about a 150-word vocabulary, but have not got the fillers to make up phrases. Sign language helps, but it takes a lot of arm-waving to get what you mean home.

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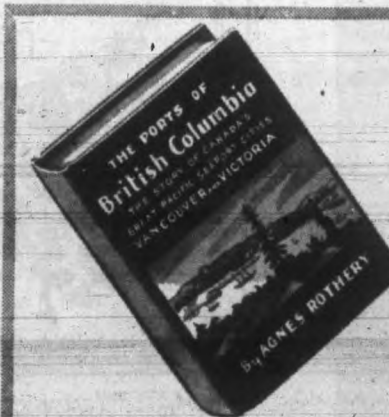
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Miss Anne Nicholson, who has spent several months in Victoria, left today for Vancouver en route to her home in Saltscoats, Sask.

Cpl. Claude Haggie, R.C.A.F., from Winnipeg, is spending leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Haggie, St. Aidan's House, Langford.

Lt.-Col. Gordon G. K. Holder, D.C.M., M.M., E.D., and Mrs. Holder of Saint John, N.B., are spending a few days with the former's uncle, Mr. Robert B. Price and Mrs. Price, at their residence, Richmond Avenue.

Mrs. S. E. Levy entertained Sunday afternoon at her home on Beach Drive with a tea and kitchen shower, honoring Miss Lorna Scott, whose marriage will take place later this month. Mrs. Fred C. Pollard assisted the hostess pouring tea. Others present were: Mesdames G. S. Scott, Covington, D. Brinsden, and the Misses Betty Russell, Rosemary and Sheila Williams, Joan Duncan, Angela Harrison, Cynthia Yarrow, Vivian King and Daphne Nunn.

Among students who returned from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver during the week-end to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents were the following: Miss Jean Sinclair, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Sinclair, 1152 Dallas Road; Miss Carol Watson, daughter of Mrs. J. L. Watson, 1240 Oscar Street; Miss Miriam Schwabe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Schwabe, 75 Linden Avenue; Miss Barbara Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Smith, 3052 Admirals Road; Miss Eileen Wills, daughter of Alderman and Mrs. Archie Wills, 1231 Fairfield Road; Miss Margaret Pilmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Pilmer, 1139 Camrose Street; Miss Phyllis Pritchard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Pritchard, 2817 Dufferin Street; Miss Barbara Moresby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Moresby, 624 Trutch Street; Miss Eve Aitken, daughter of Lt.-Col. and Mrs. G. G. Aitken, 572 Beach Drive; Mr. Ted English, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. English, 2832 Dewdney Avenue; Mr. Larry Munroe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Munroe, 2513 Graham Street; Mr. James Harvey, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Harvey, 1010 Pentrelew Place; Mr. Don McLeod, son of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. H. A. McLeod, 1802 Belmont Avenue; Mr. Charles Maunsell, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. W. Maunsell, 138 Eberts Street; Mr. Tommy Thomson, son of Capt. and Mrs. T. Thomson, Cedar Hill Road.

Mrs. R. W. Hurst, Bay Street, has as her guest her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Francis, and daughter, Beverly, Vancouver, who arrived in the city Friday. They will spend Christmas here, returning to the mainland after the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. David Cobb, 970 Cloverdale Avenue, entertained in honor of their daughter Evelyn on her 21st birthday. Her aunt, Mrs. W. H. De Witt of San Bernardino, wired a corsage bouquet of red roses for the occasion. Guests were: Mesdames K. Barrett, C. Griffin, C. Holland, L. Fennel, A. Coles, N. Coles, F. Cobb, A. Palmer, F. Rudd, and Misses Connie Gilman, Jean Holland, Gwen Griffin, Lillian Hermod, Bernice Wadell, Torrie Hicken-Smith, and Messrs. K. Barrett, C. Griffin, A. Coles, N. Coles and A. Palmer.

### Y.W.C.A. Plans 'Hanging Of Greens' For Tuesday Evening

"Hanging of the Greens" ceremony will be observed Tuesday evening at the Y.W.C.A., it was learned from reports of Christmas activities, as presented to the Y.W.C.A. Board of Directors. The council will be assisted by Mrs. W. H. Wilson, Mrs. C. Conyers and Mrs. O. A. Butters in production of the Christmas pageant.

A festive touch will be given to the club department dance for servicemen this evening at the Shrine Hall.

Preparations have been completed for the Christmas dinner and party for 80 older women who are living away from home circles. Girls living in residence will have a family Christmas dinner on Thursday. The dining-room will be open Christmas Day with a noon dinner for any guests within the house.

Jill Tar Club are co-operating with H.M.C.S. Givency Canteen in preparing for a Christmas tree party for wives and families of Givency, at the Shrine Hall, Thursday. Admission cards have been registered for 320 children and 200 mothers.

A number of outside groups and women's auxiliaries to the services will use the recreation room for Christmas tree parties for children.

The Y.W.C.A. will be affiliated with the Victoria Nutrition Committee, and will sponsor health program among the younger membership.

A report from travelers' aid and personal counselling department told of a study being made with reference to suggested standards of hours and work for students of high schools or business colleges in return for room and board in private homes.

An urgent call is being made for Canadian trained Y.W.C.A. workers to go to important war service positions in Great Britain, Palestine, Newfoundland and Australia.

Mrs. Goodwin Johnson of Vancouver, Y.W.C.A. provincial vice-president, called attention to the CBC broadcast "Of Things to Come," Tuesday at 8.

W.A. to Britannia Branch No. 7, Canadian Legion, held a Christmas social, when cribbage and court whist were played. Refreshments were served by Mrs. D. Ree and Mrs. F. Woods.

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### Twins Celebrate 76th Birthday



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### Esquimalt School Holds Reunion Dance

A reunion party and dance was held at the Esquimalt High School Friday evening, with decorations in the Christmas theme, in charge of Miss Conibear.

Games were under the direction of Mrs. Brown and C. A. Ozard. Directing the serving of refreshments were Miss Hewlings and Miss Patrick.

Charlie Hunt's orchestra played for the dancing which followed. The school orchestra, under Elmer Hodder, gave two selections. Student players were John Jickling, Vernon Bryant, saxophones; Elmer Hodder, Fred Sherwood, Fred Holland, Don Jickling, Ralph White, brass; Lois Braine, piano.

Among the guests were school board members; Mr. and Mrs. B. Caley, Mr. and Mrs. L. Parry and Hubert, A. H. Dobson; CPO, and Mrs. John Davis, both ex-students; PO, Shipwright Frank Arnold.

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## Weddings

### ARMSTRONG-DODDS

Theresa May, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Dodds, 3919 Quadra Street, exchanged marriage vows Saturday evening at St. Luke's Church, Cedar Hill, with Carl M. Armstrong, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Armstrong, Calgary. Rev. F. Pike read the service.

Wearing a two-piece frock of powder blue crepe with a small hat of chartreuse velvet trimmed with veiling, the bride was given away by her father. Her corsage bouquet was composed of red roses. Bridesmaid was Miss Marjorie Cooper, frocked in gold crepe with gold feathers, trimming her brown hat. Charles Manuel supported the groom.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, where Mrs. Gilbert Davidson of Vancouver assisted Mrs. Dodds in receiving the guests.

Going-away the bride wore a brown wool suit, and a matching coat with a cross-fox collar. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong will return to live in Victoria after a honeymoon in Vancouver.

### SQUIRE-WALKER

At a service attended by the immediate family and intimate friends Wednesday evening in the bride's home, Bernice Amelia, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Walker, Sooke, became the bride of Pte. Vernon Lamont Squire, only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Squire, Brantford, Ont. Rev. D. Munro performed the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, and chose a floor-length gown of white sheer with a shoulder-length veil caught to a coronet of orange blossoms, and lace mittens. She carried a white prayer book, showered with streamers and topped with a corsage bouquet of pink roses and split white chrysanthemums. Her only attendant was Miss Norma Stoltz, wearing a frock of pale blue taffeta with a cor-

sage bouquet of pink carnations. Pte. Reginald Osmar was groomsmen.

A reception followed the ceremony, after which Pte. and Mrs. Squire left for a honeymoon up-land, the bride donning a gold light wool frock, brown accessories and a tweed topcoat. On their return the groom will return to his station in the east, the bride following at a later date.

### STURGESS-BURNS

Dean Charles E. McAllister of Spokane traveled to Vancouver to assist Dean Cecil Swanson in officiating at the wedding Thursday evening in Christ Church Cathedral of Barbara Multhead Burns and Sgt. George Daniel Sturgess, R.C.A. At the reception at Shaughnessy Golf Club Dean McAllister proposed the toast to the bride, who is the only daughter of Mr. Kenneth J. Burns, port manager, National Harbors Board, and Mrs. Burns, 4236 Angus Avenue. The groom is the younger son of Mrs. Edith Sturgess and the late Laxton Sturgess, formerly of Victoria.

Mr. T. L. Sturgess of Victoria was his brother's groomsmen and Mrs. Victor Burns was her sister-in-law's sole attendant. The groom's brother-in-law, Mr. Owen Bevan-Pritchard, Mr. Fred Fairman and Mr. Arthur Fyfe were ushers.

Created of heavy off-white corded silk bengaline, the bridal gown was styled in modern moyenage mode with lengthened molded bodice and skirt flaring out into wide train. Deeply squared décolletage, glove-like sleeves that partially covered the hands, lowered waistline, all were shell-scaled. Tulle illusion cascaded from a shirred net, haloed cap. The bride wore her mother's pearl sunburst and carried a bouquet of gardenias and white heather streamered in white velvet.

Given the contrast of deepest red peerless roses, stardust blue

crepe romaine was chosen by the matron of honor. The long-sleeved frock gathered its skirt fullness to the back, where it swept from a modified bustle bow to stimulate a train. Of the same powder blue fabric was the bumper-shouldered chapeau with self-joops under blue veiling.

The newlyweds are honeymooning in Victoria and will return to Vancouver before Christmas. The bride traveled in a Chinese blue two-piece wool dressmaker suit. Narrowly-brimmed felt hat, calfskin shoes and bag were spice brown, blending with her fur topcoat.

### SMITH-HINTON

A quiet wedding was solemnized this afternoon at Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver, in the presence of a few intimate friends when Barbara Evelyn, only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hinton of Shanghai, became the bride of Mr. Albert Smith, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith of Victoria. The ceremony was performed by Very Reverend Cecil Swanson, Dean of Westminster.

The bride, given in marriage by Mr. A. V. Macan, was attended by Miss Verna Turner. Mr. Brian Green acted as best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, after a honeymoon on the mainland, will make their residence at Victoria.

### W.A. Packs Parcels For Servicemen

Members of Pro Patria W.A., Canadian Legion, met at the home of Mrs. B. Ripley, Balmoral Road, to pack parcels for men in the services. Parcels have been sent overseas for distribution to different parts of the empire, also to Quebec, Halifax, New- foundland, Camp Borden and Sebert and B.C.; some to prisoners of war in Germany. The parcels consisted mainly of sweat- ers, socks, soap, cigarettes, razor blades and chocolate bars. The committee present were Mrs. B. Ripley, convenor; Mesdames M. Trace, A. Gornall, D. Mulr, J. Berry, M. Carter, W. Renfrew, Kennedy and Miss H. Hankey.

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### Junior Air Services Elect 1944 Officers

Miss Adele Plant was elected president of the W.A. to the air services, junior branch, at the annual meeting. Other new officers are: Miss Catherine Johnson, first vice-president; Miss Sylvia Monckton, second vice-president; Mrs. B. Scroggs, secretary, and Mrs. M. Bell, treasurer.

Work accomplished by the auxiliary during the year, as outlined by Miss Ruth Pangman, past president, included parcels sent to isolated stations up the coast, laundry bags and hot water bottle covers made, and teas arranged for the girls of the air force, dance for air force personnel and canteen work at Balmoral House undertaken by the girls on Sundays.

### LANGFORD PARTY

A Christmas party will be held under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary to Prince Edward Branch, Canadian Legion, tonight, from 7 till 9, for children of the district under 12 years of age, in the Legion Hall.

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A WORRIED PRIVATE.

ANSWER: Well, soldier, what sort of a fighting guy are you going to make if you haven't enough backbone to offer any resistance to a little two-by-four girl who is determined to marry you against your will? The Nazis or the Japs will not have much to fear from you if that is all the spunk you have. You will surrender without firing a shot in defence of your liberty.

Haven't you enough sense to see that any girl who tries to force a man to marry her is just a matrimonial gangster? She is a robber, bent on taking his pocketbook away from him, and the fact that she holds him up with a pair of blue eyes or brown eyes, instead of a gun, makes no difference in the case. And why men so seldom have the intestinal fortitude to even try to protect themselves against these highway women, is one of the mysteries of masculine psychology that nobody can explain.

Victoria Women's Institute will remember the Institute's adopted patient in the Solarium with a birthday present and a Christmas parcel from the Institute members. A potted plant will be taken to the Jubilee Hospital for the sunroom. New officers for the Drama group are as follows: President, Mrs. E. Blair; vice-president, Mrs. W. Bridge; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. English. Conveners appointed are: Sick visiting, Mrs. Fanthorpe; liaison officer to W.P.T.B., Mrs. J. Wright; war services, Mrs. W. Peden; agriculture, Mrs. K. Schmelz and Mrs. G. Upward; home economics, Mrs. Sexton; education and better schools, Mrs. E. Blair; special publicity, Mrs. Bowers.

### Entertain at Tea

The Empress Hotel entered into its annual round of special Christmas festivity on Saturday afternoon when its Elizabethan Double Quartette made the lounge resound with the singing of the old and well-loved Christmas carols.

Garbed in the colorful costumes of the Elizabethan period, the carollers entered singing the tuneful "Wassail Song." Visitors both from the United States and the mainland yearly find the Empress Christmas program one of the highlights of the year, and Saturday's carols bring promise of the same attraction this year. Among those who made reservation were: Mrs. Alfred Jones, Miss Clay, Mrs. Warner, Mrs. E. H. Griffiths, Mrs. Rough, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Frey, Miss K. Greenwood, Mrs. H. B. Jackson, Mrs. Tom Fawcett, Mr. R. H. Milne, Mrs. H. Molyneux, Mrs. J. Mason, Dr. H. A. Veasey, Miss V. Harlock, Mrs. B. May and Mrs. Kingham.

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## Hunters Will Be Drawn to Areas On Alaska Highway

OTTAWA (CP)—Areas along the Alaska Highway may not be "ideal tourist country," but they are expected to attract postwar sightseers, hunters and fishermen, it was indicated today in reports of a wild life survey made by two federal officials.

The officials, A. L. Rand and Dr. C. H. D. Clarke of the resources department, indicated they believe tourists, hunters and fishermen will travel the highway out of sheer curiosity and love of adventure.

(Dr. Charles Camsell, deputy resources minister and Canadian chairman of the North Pacific planning project, said in a recent interview that a major postwar tourist traffic may be expected along the highway once it was improved sufficiently for comfortable driving.)

Mr. Rand, attached to the biology section of the National Museum of Canada, made a survey of wild life in the area between Fort Nelson, B.C., and Watson Lake, Y.T.

### NOT IDEAL

"This is not an ideal tourist country," he said in the report. "The distances are too great and the mountains too distant from most of the highway. But there are certain possibilities.

"The highway is an overland route to Alaska. There is fishing and hunting and game to be seen. There are mountains to walk about at Summit Pass and at Muncho Lake. There are hot springs in the tropical valley and there are the Hudson's Bay posts.

"In the southern sections of the highway north to Summit Lake, the better game country lies in the Rockies to the west. Horses, wranglers and guides would be needed to reach this country. In the future, such facilities may be established along the highway."

### HOSTELS NEEDED

A certain amount of hunting is to be had from the highway itself, Mr. Rand said. "For this, pack animals and guides would not be necessary, though cheap hostels, set up to cater to hunters, might be frequented."

Between Fort Nelson and Watson Lake, Mr. Rand found varying quantities of black bears, grizzlies, moose, sheep, goats and deer.

"Tourists will visit this country in the summer. Fishermen will come in during the season and there will be camps, boats and guides for them," he said.

### Louis Troupe to Box For Troops Overseas

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sgt. Joe Louis Barrow, world's heavyweight boxing champion, will end his exhibition tour of army posts in the United States Jan. 20, and then go overseas to visit camps in various theatres of operations, the War Department has announced.

Louis and his group are scheduled for 21 appearances between now and Jan. 20 at camps in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina and North Carolina.

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### 3 Reeves, All Councillors But 2, Returned In Municipal Elections



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REEVE ALEX LOCKLEY

Councils in the three municipalities adjoining Victoria, will be headed by the same reeves, and comprised of practically the same representatives following the municipal elections held Saturday in Saanich, Esquimalt and Oak Bay.

Reeve E. C. Warren was returned in Saanich for his third term with 1,400 votes, his closest opponent, L. H. Passmore, polling 1,152 votes. John Watson, the third contestant, secured 498 votes.

In Esquimalt Reeve Alex Lockley, with 498 votes, defeated his only opponent, Councillor F. G. Eaton, who polled 437. This will be his 17th term as reeve.

Reeve W. L. Woodhouse and the Oak Bay Council were returned by acclamation, but Sidney L. Wilson, only member of the school board seeking re-election, was defeated. Three new members were elected.

In the three municipalities two new councillors were elected. They are Robert Noble in Saanich and George V. Bishop in Esquimalt.

Recounts were held in Esquimalt and Saanich today.

The poll in Saanich was 3,086 votes cast, slightly more than one-third of the 9,923 citizens holding the municipal franchise. Of a possible 1,517 voters, 931 turned out Saturday in Esquimalt, while in Oak Bay 509 of 3,860 entitled to vote did so Saturday.

Results of the elections were as follows:

#### Saanich COUNCIL

Ward 1—Councillor Thomas F. Alexander, 321 (re-elected); Walter V. Peddle, 214.

Ward 2—Robert Noble, 337 (elected); Councillor George A. Rudd, 311.

Ward 3—Councillor J. L. Hobbs, re-elected by acclamation. Ward 4—Councillor George Austin, 307 (re-elected); George E. Hardy, 73.

Ward 5—Councillor John Oliver, re-elected by acclamation.

Ward 6—Councillor L. C. Hagan, re-elected by acclamation.

Ward 7—Councillor K. W.

Richmond, 504 (re-elected); William B. White, 292.

#### SCHOOL BOARD

Two-year term (three elected): Matthew P. Paine, 1,652; Martin A. Neilson, 1,498 (re-elected); Mrs. Evelyn M. Bryce, 1,413 (re-elected). Running Mrs. Bryce a close second, but short of 45 votes, came Bertram Waude, 1,369. Owen Cassidy polled 1,021 votes.

One-year term (one elected): Edward C. Head, 1,722; Mrs. Lydia McAllister, 1,024.

#### POLICE COMMISSIONER

George S. Eden, re-elected by acclamation.

Voting on a "Garbage Plebiscite," Saanich residents approved of the by-law which provides for garbage collection, at a cost of some \$4 a year to each taxpayer in the area served by the water works. The result was: 1,687 voting yes, and 1,212 against.

#### Esquimalt

Council (three elected): Councillor T. Hadfield, 475; Councillor G. R. Guillemund, 435; George V. Bishop, 373. Others running were: George A. Renton, 335; Charles H. Smith, 326; Laurence Fieldhouse, 270; Fred H. Higgins, 237.

School Board: Alex Lockley, Annie McVie and Lucina A. M. Parry (all elected by acclamation).

Police Commissioner: Ewart Durling, 481 (elected); Reginald Sedger, 417. Charles H. Smith, who was nominated, withdrew his name.

Rejected ballots in Esquimalt totaled four for reeve, 11 for councillors and nine for police commissioner.

#### Oak Bay

School Board (three elected): Ronald M. Lochhead, 397; Ralph N. Collison, 362; Robert S. S. Yates, 293; Sidney L. Wilson, 197.

Council (returned by acclamation): Alexander Peden, John V. Johnson and Perceval A. Motz. W. A. Burnett was returned as police commissioner by acclamation.

#### Trustee Sworn In

Mrs. Lily Bertha Parsons, who signaled her entry into the municipal political field with a victory for the one-year school board by-election seat, was sworn in Saturday by M. F. Hunter, city clerk.

Mrs. Parsons assumes the post left vacant by the resignation of Dr. C. A. E. Hall and, consequently is entitled to sit during any meetings which may be held this year.

Her election to the board comes a few years late to round out what at the time was known as Victoria's "ecclesiastical" board. At that time the municipal inspector was Deane, the secretary Pope, one trustee was named Bishop and another Monk. Had she taken office then, the addition of a Parsons would have rounded out one of the most unique combinations of names on any board anywhere.

#### RAINBOW SEA CADETS

Dec. 21 the entire ship's company will parade at headquarters at 19.20, duty hands at 19.10. Duty division—Rodney.

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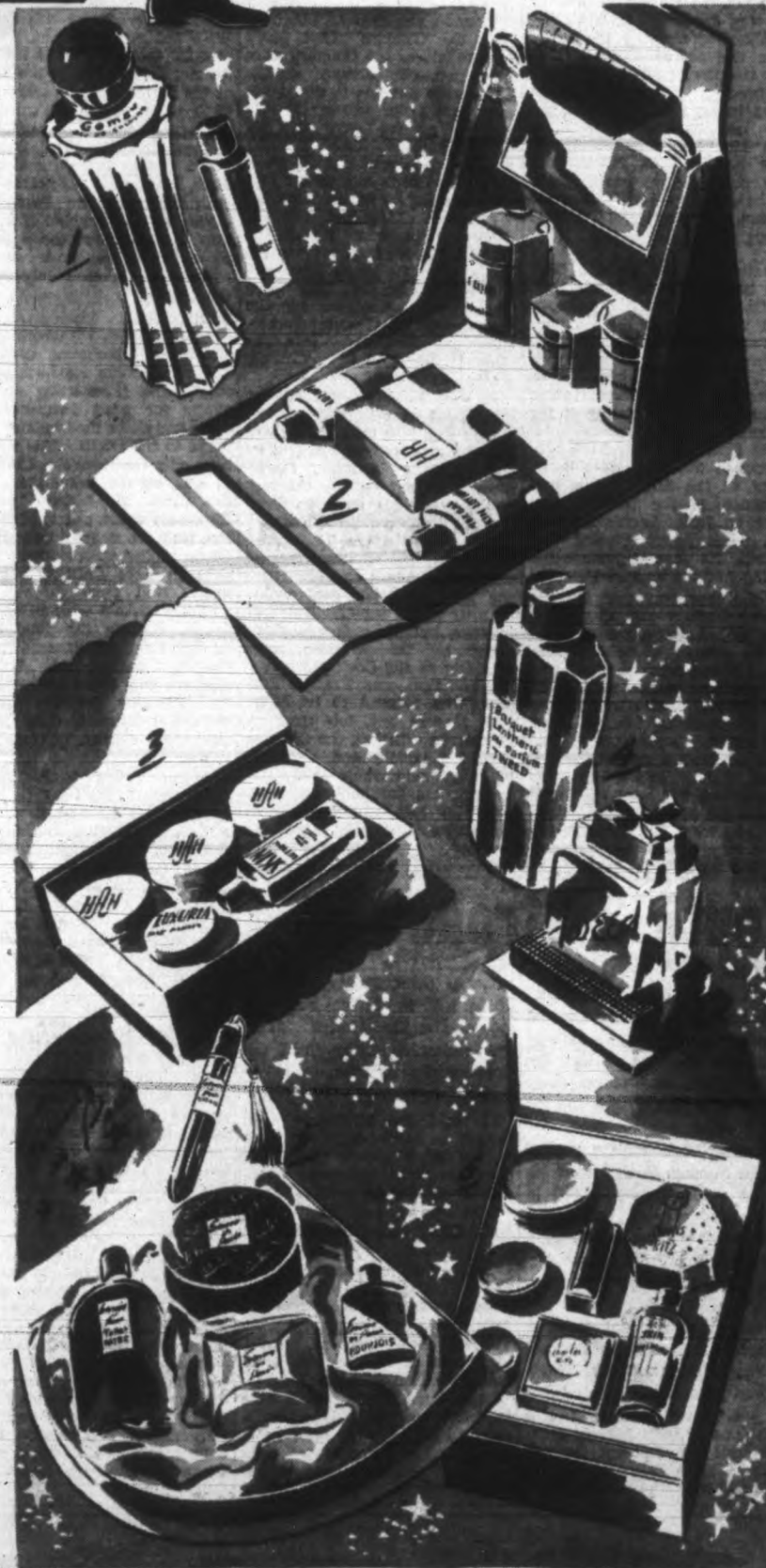
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## Cathedral Plans Warriors' Chapel

The cornerstone in the north-west tower of Christ Church Cathedral laid by Prime Minister Winston Churchill will be appropriately marked at an early date, Bishop Harold E. Sexton said today when he announced also the proposed construction of a Chapel of Remembrance.

The new addition to the cathedral will be built as soon as peace is declared, and will honor all those who have given their lives in service of their country. It is proposed that two chapels be erected, one in tribute to all servicemen and women regardless of creed.

A Book of Remembrance in which names will be inscribed is also advocated. Bishop Sexton, the cathedral chapter and building committee will welcome suggestions for the naming of the new chapels. So far "Chapel of Remembrance" and "Warriors' Chapel" have been suggested. Contributions may be sent to Bishop Sexton, 912 Vancouver Street, or to the diocesan treasurer, G. H. Harmon, Bank of Montreal, Victoria.

**Councillor Tom Alexander**  
 Ward 1, Saanich, wishes to take this opportunity of thanking the Electors for the confidence you have placed in me, in re-electing me, and will endeavor to serve Saanich to the best of my ability, and extend the Season's Greetings to all.

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## 'Dry' Holiday Season Looms As People Save Liquor

British Columbians are facing their driest holiday season in years.

True, an enormous amount of liquor has been sold and it is believed more bottles are hidden away than ever before. But the bottles are spread out; homes that never before had a bottle, for instance, now have one or two, as permittees stored away their rations "for a rainy day."

Only bright light on the liquor horizon for those who like their holiday cheer is the announcement by Liquor Commissioner W. F. Kennedy that clubs will be able to get a little more liquor. In future they will be able to buy from liquor stores on a percentage of the permits they hold without producing the coupons.

Thirsty Victorians, trying desperately to leave their one bottle unopened until Christmas Eve, recalled with nostalgia today the famous Christmas when the Liquor Control Board had so much liquor that "hampers" were the fashion. In attractive baskets were packed assorted liquors, which were advertised widely in an effort to boost sales.

**NOTHING FOR NEW YEAR'S**  
 Unless there is plenty of liquor

**TOWN TOPICS**  
**Victoria Club for the hard-of-hearing** will not meet next Wednesday, but will meet as usual at the clubrooms Dec. 29.

**Three false fire alarms** were answered by city firemen Sunday morning. They were at Burnside, Quadra and Vancouver Streets.

**Rev. Dr. A. E. Whitehouse** told city police Sunday afternoon four boys with sling shots were breaking windows at Metropolitan Church.

**Capt. W. Ord, chairman** of the Dickens Fellowship, will give a Dickens Christmas carol recital at Centennial Church, Wednesday night, at 8.

**Gen. James P. G. Allan**, son of Mrs. Janet Beaumont, 2411 Quadra, is reported wounded in action overseas in the latest army casualty list released today.

**Latest air force recruits** include: Douglas Hamilton Porteous, 2691 Cook St.; Joseph Clayton Isherwood, 1406 Ryan St.; Robert William Fryne, 2884 Deyard Road; Ray Allan Newman, 55 Coast Battery, Mary Hill; Clarence William Davies, 680 Burnside Road; Harry Lewis Greenberg, Fort Macaulay.

**Christmas bonuses for social welfare cases** in Victoria will be mailed to the recipients this week, E. G. Snowden, city welfare administrator, said today. The amounts are \$3.20 for families and \$1.20 for single cases. Those entitled to the bonus who do not receive them by Thursday are advised to call at the welfare office.

**150 Attend Concert** At St. Michael's

Skits, musical solos and a fairy dance performed in ballet costume by four of the school's sturdiest youths, highlighted the annual Christmas variety program, presented in the gymnasium of St. Michael's School Friday night before an audience of 150 former students, parents and friends.

Despite a cast depleted with 17 "flu" cases, St. Michael's concert was presented with color and gaiety. Each form staged a "turn" — there were country dances, songs, sketches and solos.

Kyle C. Symons, headmaster, welcomed guests and expressed appreciation to those responsible for musical accompaniments, scenic effects, lighting and decorations. Congratulations were tendered Miss M. Page, Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Symons and M. Menelaws. A. C. Privett, headmaster of Brentwood College, judged the annual reading competition and awards were made. R. Bell in the senior boys' group and D. Newbigging, junior boys' group, R. Ainscough was runner-up in the junior group.

The program closed with the singing of a Christmas carol. The sum of \$20 was collected during the evening for the Red Cross by Philip and Diana Symons, the former dressed as an A.R.P. warden and the latter as a Red Cross nurse. Here is the concert program:

School song; piano solo, D. Price; Indian campfire, with Indian version of the Christmas story; cello solo, M. Anderson; skit by Form 2; senior reading competition; costume fantasy, "The Months," Form 3; ukulele solo, T. Wood; modern version of "Ten Little Nigger Boys," Form 4; two dances; junior reading competition; sketches, "The Headaches," "The Whole Truth," Form 5; song, K. Symons; scenes from "A Christmas Carol," by the boarders; carol, and God Save the King.

hoarded New York's Eve is also going to be dry, for no fresh liquor will be available after Christmas if the December coupon is gone. The January ration will not be available until Monday, Jan. 3.

There are those who were hoping the Liquor Control Board might make the January ration purchasable, say, Dec. 30 and 31, so that New Year's Eve could be a merry one. But if that were done the stampede it would create could not be coped with.

Mr. Kennedy today explained the various shortages that are daily occurrences here. Rum for instance — is very short. Mr. Kennedy said everyone seems to want rum, being under the impression that since they can only get one bottle a month they might as well get the drink that goes the farthest. In this they are quite wrong, for rum is now 30 underproof, whereas a year ago it was 30 overproof. The same applies to malt beverages — everyone wants the best, and the public believes able to be better than beer.

"There is no shortage of these products, but we are only able to clear 30 per cent of the usual amount," Mr. Kennedy said.

**Ex-Sailor Stranded, Query Release Equity**

Question over the equity of treatment accorded a naval rating released here through no fault of his own and allegedly left with insufficient funds to return to his sick wife in London, Ont., is raised in a letter received by Mayor Andrew McGavin today from Jules Preudhomme, chairman of the management committee of Prince Robert House.

"A sailor," says the letter, "has been discharged in the city without adequate means of paying his way to his home in London, Ontario. He has a sick wife there who needs him and he is recommended for assistance by the captain of the dockyard which is the point at which he was discharged after serving four years as a stoker."

"He is allowed \$35 to purchase civilian clothes and he can spend it for no other purpose. His final pay, including the \$35 amounts to \$59.11 which leaves, after deducting the \$35, only \$24.11 available for his fare to London and his food on the journey. His fare amounts to \$85. Of course, his pay ceases upon his discharge and his wife is left without her separation allowance or assigned pay."

The writer notes the possibility of such cases being thrown on the municipalities in which they or their dependents live. For that reason and the adverse effect on the morale of the forces, the matter was brought to the mayor's attention.

Accompanying the communication is a report from H.M.C.S. Givency saying the sailor was "discharged from the Naval Service through no fault of his own, and it is urgent that he get home at once to care for and assist his wife, who is at the moment very sick." That report states transportation to his home cannot be allowed.

**More Applicants Than Jobs for P.O.**

While Selective Service officials at Vancouver have had to form an emergency squad of 50 men and women, to be held in readiness for any "extra last-minute rush" at the Post Office, in addition to supplying 1,750 for P.O. work during the Christmas season, Victoria's Selective Service officials have found that they had more applicants than jobs for the Post Office here.

A total of 230 boys and girls, mostly high school and college students, have already been put to work at the Post Office in Victoria, C. A. Mudge, manager of Victoria Selective Service said today.

"There were 80 girls and 150 boys and we had more applicants than jobs. Should there be any last-minute rush we have ample applicants to fill the demand."

**Judge Boyd to Hear Rental Cases Dec. 29**

Three appeals from rental decisions and five applications of landlords to be allowed to proceed under provincial law with regards to the "obnoxious tenants" clause of the Rental Order, will be heard before His Honor Judge J. B. Boyd, in County Court, December 29.

His Honor is expected to remain in Victoria two days and will begin hearing the appeals at 10 o'clock on the morning of the 29th. The other cases will follow immediately. J. D. Gunn, rentals appraiser, with the Wartime Prices and Trade Board said today.

## No 'Closed Shop' For B.C. Teachers

TORONTO—Request has been made to Premier Drew, Minister of Education, by the three federations in Ontario to make membership in a federation a condition of employment in any Ontario school supported by public taxation.

No such suggestion as this has been made in this province by the B.C. Teachers' Federation. Hon. H. G. T. Perry, Minister of Education, said today he would oppose such a move. However, he added, the department of education or the government is not the employer of teachers. There are 1,200 employers of teachers in B.C.—the local school boards.

Today, L. B. Stibbs, president of the B.C. Teachers' Federation, and S. J. Graham, a member of the executive, had their annual conference with Mr. Perry.

## Record Mail Flood As Deadline Nears

There's a "flood of Christmas mail" in the Victoria Post Office today with citizens heeding the warning that this is the last day for local mailing, according to Postmaster G. H. Gardiner.

"In the next few days we expect to handle more than 200,000 letters a day, the largest volume ever to go through the post office," Mr. Gardiner said. "As it is we have had well over 100,000 letters each day for the last week."

"We have 250 on our extra staff for the Christmas season," he continued. "Nearly all are experienced but have been doing a good job sorting, cancelling and helping the carriers."

No matter how well citizens heed the warning to mail early last week is always the worst, Mr. Gardiner noted, because it is during the few days before Christmas that the incoming volume of letters and parcels is heaviest. In former years the Victoria Post Office has been large enough to house extra staff but this year the old Angus Campbell building has been taken over, too. Some of the letter carriers are sorting and preparing their mail for delivery.

## Thieves Take Holly, Christmas Parcels

Theft of Christmas parcels and holly was reported to city police during the week-end.

W. J. Sparks, naval shore patrol, told city police several Christmas parcels had been stolen from his room at 822 Bay Street.

Theft of holly by three men was reported by Mrs. W. C. Nichols, 1759 Rockland.

Three cuts were discovered in the Humboldt Street liquor store window Sunday morning. Police found they were not deep.

Alfred Belcher, 1254 Basil, told police a rubber door mat had been stolen from his house, and a neighbor, Stanley House, 1244 Basil, also missed his mat. Mr. Belcher said he suspected some boys singing Christmas songs who were cheeky when they received no money.

## Cyclist Hits Bus

Edwin Robinson, Tulip Avenue, was treated at St. Joseph's Hospital today for injuries suffered when the bicycle he was riding at Douglas and Hillside crashed into a bus when Robinson was blinded by the lights of another car.

Police gave the bus driver as Harry Monahan, 759 Wilson. Robinson, attended by Dr. Samuel Janowsky, was released from hospital today.

Dr. George Hall Saturday afternoon attended Low Quon Don, 726 Caledonia, who was struck down on Fisgard Street, east of Douglas, by a car which Constable R. Davidson, who attended at the accident scene, said was driven by Sterling Wesley, 1605 Cook.

Cars driven by William J. Hook, 637 Raynor, and Harold J. Williams, 2650 Lincoln, collided at 7:28 this morning at Raynor and Craigflower.

Fred Willis, 1517 Edgeware Road, told police Saturday that while backing from the Albion Iron Works garage, Government Street, his truck and a car driven north on Government by Adolf Bruckert, 324 Maitland Road, had collided.

Collapsing on Fort Street, Arthur Staple, 740 Johnson, was removed to St. Joseph's Hospital Saturday by city police.

## J. W. Wittcomb Heads City Hall Employees

J. W. Wittcomb was elected president of the City Hall Employees' Association at its annual meeting last week-end.

He succeeds V. McN. Rolfe, who paid tribute at the meeting to the service rendered by retiring officers.

R. H. Smith was named vice-president, Miss Yvonne Melkile was returned as secretary, treasurer, and W. H. Warren, K. Reid, C. S. Rodway, G. Shippe and J. Walker were elected to the executive.



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**Martin Trial Resumed**  
 Trial of A. D'Arcy C. Martin, charged with stealing a \$100 Province of Ontario bond, the property of Mrs. Rose Elizabeth Plymssell, was resumed before Judge Lennox in County Court today with further evidence being presented for the prosecution.  
 After J. Kingsberry, former accountant at Gillespie, Hart & Co. Ltd. had testified he received a Province of Ontario bond from Mr. Martin, had receipted the transaction and issued a cheque for \$67.67, the balance from Mr. Martin's account, he was cross-examined by Joseph McKenna, defence counsel, on dates.  
 Under questioning he said certain dates listed in memos were corrected occasionally and certain entries in a contract book had been originally made under the wrong date.  
 The case is continuing with J. B. Clearhue, K.C., appearing for the crown. Mr. Clearhue's illness last week had interrupted the trial.

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Cushions	1.95 to 5.50
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Trillite Lamps	17.50 to 28.50
Occasional Chairs	11.50 to 27.50
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## Amazing Air Raid Seen in Bombardier

Hailed as the most spectacular sequence ever filmed, a night bombing raid by a squadron of Flying Fortresses over Tokyo war factories forms the gripping climax of "Bombardier," RKO Radio's new air force offering, now at the Atlas Theatre.

Pat O'Brien and Randolph Scott are co-stars in the picture, much of which was filmed at the U.S. Army's big Bombardier training base at Kirtland Field, New Mexico. The "inside story" of the famous Norden bomb sight, and realistic details of the training program by which student bomb droppers are taught to manipulate the instrument, also features the unusual offering, which was directed by Richard Wallace.

## 'Follow the Band' At Rio Theatre

Ray Eberle, former vocalist with the Gene Krupa and Glenn Miller orchestra, and now under contract to Universal studios, makes his screen debut in this company's gala comedy musical, "Follow the Band." The spectacular new film which has many featured entertainers in its cast, is now at the Rio Theatre.

Appearing with Eberle are such notables as Leo Carrillo, Leon Errol, Mary Beth Hughes, Eddie Quillen and Anne Rooney. Other favorites include Frances Langford, Alvin Karpis and the King Sisters. The Bombardiers, Hilo Hattie, the King's Men and Skinnay Ennis and the Groove Boys.

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## Beery Praised By U.S. Marines

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Major John S. Winch, public relations director of the western recruiting division, U.S.M.C., presented Beery with a large scroll, a certificate of appreciation for his fine portrayal of a marine top sergeant in M-G-M's "Salute to the Marines," a two-fisted, daring and thrilling film, currently at the Capitol Theatre.

## Merriman

Saanich woman rises to defence of two sailors who cut up rough when a gambling club they had entered in mistake for a dance hall would not refund them their money. In effect, she thinks they should get a reward for a good deed rather than a police court fine. Two many sailors, she says, are fleeced out of their pay at gambling places. . . . New uniform issue for A.R.P. workers is not popular with all of them. Writes one: "In Britain civilian defence workers have done a magnificent job without a uniform. No more completely useless and idiotic waste of money was ever thought of than frittering it away on A.R.P. uniforms." . . . So that unfaithful wives can't cause husbands unnecessary expense in divorce proceedings, Chief Justice Farris has ordered that affidavits must be filed showing there is a good defence before the case goes to court. . . . Victoria Wartime housewives have the co-operative spirit in buying. A lot of them pooled for wood orders and this week Christmas trees arrived at most of the houses under a pool buying plan.

"Kiss me sergeant," has been lifted out of the class of a wise-crack. It happened for John Kaye, Dieppe veteran when he got back to Canada. The sergeant was his kid sister in the Waacs. . . . Of the anti-chlorina-



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What does a certain justice of the U.S. Supreme Court do when

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giving his secretary strict orders not to reveal his destination. But what happens when he reaches his destination provides a merry cycle of events which prove both enjoyable and entertaining. Richard Carlson and Jean Rogers are among the supporting cast.

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### Craigflower School Christmas Concerts

Craigflower School held its closing exercises in the form of two concerts. Children from all grades participated in plays, skits, dances, carol singing, and presentation of the Christmas story. Ladies of the P.T.A. served tea to parents and friends. Proceeds of the concert, \$25.50, will be sent to the Jr. Red Cross.

For this school year the pupils have purchased \$70.13 worth of war savings stamps.

Other collections which were recently made were \$12.10 for

the Navy League and 780 lbs. of rags for the salvage.

### Sidney Boy Killed

L.-Cpl. Stephen Jackson, only son of Mr. and Mrs. David Jackson, The Orchard, Sidney, was killed in action Dec. 6, while serving with the British 8th Army in Italy, his parents have been advised by the Department of Defence, Ottawa.

Born and educated in Sidney, L.-Cpl. Jackson was 24 years old. He enlisted in the P.P.C.L.I. in Jan., 1939, and proceeded overseas the following June.

## SWIFT'S WEEKLY WARTIME FOOD HINTS

Martha Logan, Swift's famed Home Economist, whose weekly cooking column is a regular feature of this page, looks for these valuable hints every Monday



by Martha Logan

## Merry Christmas



On behalf of my sponsors and myself, the Season's Greetings to you all!

It is now almost a year since this column was first published. In that time I have been helped and encouraged by thousands and thousands of letters from readers, many of them enclosing requests for my little book "Meat Complete."

I am happy to be able to tell you all that these Weekly Food Hints will continue through 1944. I shall strive to make them as helpful to wartime housewives as I possibly can and at the same time valuable to the war effort by showing ways of making the most of our food resources. Finally I would like you all to know how much I value letters and suggestions... do let me know how I can serve you best. And now a Merry Christmas to you all... and a Happy New Year!

Martha Logan



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## Star-Students Elect Officers at Banquet

Oliver M. Prentice was re-elected president of the Victoria branch of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada at a banquet last week in the Y.W.C.A.

Other officers for the year 1944 will be Robert Peters, honorary president; Dr. Andrew McKellar, first vice-president; Dr. K. O. Wright, second vice-president; Mrs. M. Yairwood, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. W. Stilwell, recorder; Miss V. Langworthy, librarian; W. Hobday, director of telescope division.

Council is to be composed of Dr. W. P. Walker, Dr. J. S. Stephenson, H. D. Day, J. Moulson, W. Stilwell and M. Trueman.

Musical program which opened the entertainment, consisted of a trio of voice, piano and violin. Artists were Grace and Pierre Timp, and Jas. Burchett, playing Rachmaninoff's lovely song, "Cease Thy Singing, Maiden Fair," and the rollicking "Fiddle and I." Mrs. C. S. Beals contributed a piano solo, "The Chase," by Liszt.

Annual reports submitted showed the society had a busy year, with both summer and winter lecture courses. Many new members were enrolled, and a credit balance is on hand. Vote of thanks was expressed to all those who had worked for the society during the year, and members stood in tribute to the memory of John Dean, who passed away during the year.

A skit on stargazing was recited by Alex. H. Sutherland, president of the Canadian Authors' Association, who had composed it specially for the occasion.

## Funeral of Pioneer, Mrs. Heyland, Today

Funeral service for Mrs. Florence McNaughton Heyland, widow of A. Rowley Heyland, was held this afternoon at St. Mary's Church, Ven. Archdeacon A. E. de L. Nunns officiating. Burial followed in the family plot at Ross Bay.

Mrs. Heyland, who was in her 83rd year, was born in Ireland, but came to Canada in 1861, via Panama Isthmus, with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. McNaughton Jones. For many years the family lived in New Westminster and then in Nanaimo. Dr. Jones was one of the first medical men ever stationed at the quarantine station at William Head.

For 50 years Mrs. Heyland lived in Victoria and attended Angela College on Burdette Avenue. She attended Christ Church Cathedral and was one of the first members of the Bishop Cridge Chapter, I.O.D.E.

## Bans Price Rise On New Cold Wave

A "cold wave" has arrived, but it has nothing to do with the weather. This "cold wave" is a new form of beauty treatment. Prices Board services administration has notified operators of beauty parlors that they must not increase their scale of prices if they adopt the "cold wave" method.

As far as this beauty secret has been revealed to board officers, a number of wooden curlers are used for setting the hair and then a cold chemical solution is poured over the head. When the curlers are removed, a so-called permanent wave results.

"From our point of view, this is merely another of many methods of giving permanent wave treatments and no increase in price can be authorized," said Norman Howard, services officer of the board.



## DON'T WASTE FOOD

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### Grant Showed Kindness When Lee Surrendered

As colonel of a volunteer regiment in the American Civil War, Ulysses S. Grant soon showed marks of the military skill which was to make his name stand forth later. Early in the war he made a quick march to Paducah, Ky., and occupied that town a few hours before it would have been reached by a Confederate army.

The importance of Paducah was due to its being at the junction point of the Tennessee and Ohio Rivers. All through the war, Grant was to make a special point of getting control over waterways, which in those days were vital for transport of supplies.

Early in 1862 Grant, who had been made a brigadier-general, took an active part in pushing control of the Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers. In this campaign he captured Fort Donelson and 15,000 Confederate soldiers who were stationed there.

### IN COMMAND AT VICKSBURG

In the following year Grant had command of Union forces in the capture of Vicksburg, Vicksburg, in the state of Mississippi, was one of the leading citadels of the Confederate states. It was taken on July 4, 1863, and 29,491 men surrendered.

Four months later Grant and his men were in the eastern part of Tennessee, and a new victory was marked down. As a result of the Battle of Chattanooga, a Confederate army was put to flight.

News of Grant's victories reached President Lincoln, and on Feb. 26, 1864, Lincoln named him to command all Union forces, with the advanced rank of lieutenant-general.

Gen. Grant planned a strong drive to split the forces of the south. William T. Sherman, a brigadier-general, was ordered to march through Georgia to the Atlantic coast, and the march was crowned with final success when Savannah surrendered to Sherman on Dec. 21, 1864.

Meanwhile Grant had been driving against Gen. Lee, who was in personal command of a Confederate army encamped in and around Richmond.

Advancing into Virginia, Grant met the Confederate army in battle after battle. The Union forces met partial defeat, but Grant drove on with his campaign. He gained control of points along the James and Shenandoah Rivers, and to a large extent hemmed Lee in.

The supplies of the Confederates were running low, and on April 9 Lee surrendered at Appomattox Courthouse, about 80 miles west of Richmond. One general was there as a victor, and the other came as leader of a lost cause.

### SHOWED RESPECT AND KINDNESS

If Ulysses Simpson Grant had been a man of small mind, he could have used that meeting to speak cutting words to his fallen foe. As it was, he treated Lee with respect and kindness.

Before the meeting was finished, Gen. Grant spoke of the horses of the many Confederate cavalrymen. He said that these men could take their horses home for use in the spring plowing.

Three years after the close of the war, Grant's friends put him forward as a candidate for president. He had taken little interest in politics up to that time, but he was elected President in 1868, and again in 1872.

After giving up the office of President, Grant made a trip around the world, visiting Great Britain, India, China, Japan and other countries. Shortly before his death on July 28, 1885, he finished writing an interesting book, "Personal Memoirs," which told the story of his life. He was buried in New York City, his body being placed in a tomb near the Hudson River.

UNCLE RAY.

## Glenlyon School Christmas Party

Boys of Glenlyon Preparatory School gave their Christmas entertainment Thursday at St. Mary's Hall. The feature play, "The Unexpected Burglar," by the senior form, was a success and special mention should be

made of Wilson I. Burford and Hanna. Another group of the same form gave a fine characterization of "The Seven Ages of Man."

Fourth form gave a burlesque, "Boadicea," with Cousland playing the title role and Godfrey and Patey in leading parts. Third form gave an original skit—"One Woman's Day." In this, Knox took the part of the school matron and was ably supported

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by Malcolmson and Foulkes as the headmaster and his wife.

Junior form was outstanding in a charming presentation of "Robin Hood and His Merry Men," Graham playing Robin Hood, Barclay, Little John, and Smith giving a particularly good performance as the Sheriff. Variety was lent to the program by additional sketches and recitations.

Three junior forms under the direction of Ian Galliford, the music master, delighted the audience with the singing of two groups of carols. Solos were taken by Pounsey and Burford.

The program closed with a tableau, "Our Own Our Native Land."

The collection taken for the Red Cross realized \$32.80.

### First Aid for Santa



By Hal Cochran

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By Williams

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### Premier Up 1

VANCOUVER (CP) — Only three mining stocks were traded on the Vancouver stock exchange today. Total sales amounted to 1,900 shares.

Home Gold was unchanged at 1/2 and Privateer was likewise at 35 1/2. Premier was up 1 at 92.

(By Mara, Bate & Co. Ltd.)

Stocks	Bid	Asked
Anglo-Canadian	98	100
A.P. Corp.	12	14
C. and C. Corp.	188	190
Calumet	22	24
Cominco	120	122
Dalhousie	31	33
East Coast	10	12
Foothill	120	122
Home Oil	230	240
Macdonald	6	8
McDonald	6	8
Model	20	22
Vanilla	18	20
Vulcan	18	20

(By Mara, Bate & Co. Ltd.)

Stocks	Bid	Asked
Bayonne Cons.	115	118
Brulotte	135	138
Caribou Gold	10	12
Gold Bell	20	22
Grandview	10	12
Grill Wukane	3	4
Hedley Masco	3	4
Island Mountain	83	85
Kesteven Bell	39	41
Pend Oreille	135	140
Pioneer Gold	217	220
Premier	92	94
Privateer	35	38
Reeves McDonald	23	25
Reno Gold	4	6
Sheep Creek	88	90
Silback Premier	73	75
Taylor Bridge	4	6
Ymir Yukon	2	4
Capital Notes	152	155
Coast Breweries	152	155
United Distillers	245	250

### City Egg Prices Today

Grade	Price
Grade A large	40c
Grade A medium	38c
Grade B large	36c
Grade B medium	34c
Grade C large	32c
Grade C medium	30c
Pullet	28c

### Industrials Firm

MONTREAL (CP) — Converters, up 2, moved into new high ground in today's market and others firmer in industrials were Locomotive, up 1 1/2, and Dosco "B" and Massey preferred, fractionally better. Shaded were Canadian Car common and preferred, National Steel Car and Sugar.

(By James Richardson & Sons)

Stocks	Bid	Asked
Canadian Investment Fund	400	405
Canadian Bank of Commerce	120	122
Dominion Bank	154	156
Imperial Bank	160	162
Bank of Montreal	106 1/2	108
Bank of Nova Scotia	7 1/2	8
Royal Bank	126	128
Bank of Toronto	230	235
Aluminum com.	92	95
Aluminum pref.	105	108
Brilliant Twining	22	24
British America Oil	21 1/2	22
I.C. Packers	21 1/2	22
I.C. Power A	22 1/2	23
Canada Cement	7 1/2	8
Canada S.S. com.	9 1/2	10
Canada S.S. pref.	10 1/2	11
Canada Ore and Pwr. com.	7 1/2	8
Canada Ore and Pwr. pref.	8 1/2	9
Dominion Steel and Coal	9 1/2	10
Dominion Stores	9 1/2	10
Pord of Canada	25 1/2	26
Ontario Power	7 1/2	8
General Steel Wares	11 1/2	12
Goodrich Tire	24	25
Hamilton Bridge	24	25
Imperial Tobacco	10 1/2	11
International Nickel	29 1/2	30
Macdonald	6	8
McDonald	6	8
Model	20	22
National Steel Car	18 1/2	19
Shawinigan	14 1/2	15
Steel of Canada com.	63	65
Steel of Canada pref.	67 1/2	69
Walker Gooderham	67 1/2	69
Western Canada Flour com.	14 1/2	15
Western, Geo.	14 1/2	15
Winnipeg Electric com.	6 1/2	7

### Alcohols Drop

TORONTO (CP) — Hiram Walker and Distillers-Seagrams lost 1/2 to 3/4 on today's market and Canadian Breweries common was off 1/4 to 3/4. International Petroleum, Canadian Car and Foundry and National Steel Car weakened minor fractions. Prices improved for Cammings B. Canadian Celanese and General Steel Wares.

(By Hagar Investments Ltd.)

Stocks	Bid	Asked
Amper	310	320
Brulotte	115	118
Brulotte Porcupine	18	20
Buttaro Ankerite	215	220
Canadian Malartic	65	70
C. and C. Corp.	190	194
Chalivert	145	150
Cochener Williams	185	190
Home Oil	235	240
Hudson Bay	220	225
Kerr Addison	890	910
Lake Shore	175	180
Laurie Gold	575	580
Longview	130	135
Perron Gold	90	95
Pickering	220	225
Pioneer Gold	215	220
Powell Royn	115	120
Preston East Dome	215	220
Rocky Mountain	220	225
Sheep Creek	88	90
Tack Rubber	270	275
Upper Canada	185	190
Ventures	600	620
Wells Fargo	450	470
Wright Hargreaves	285	290
Yardland	12	13
Francour Mine	21	24

### Calgary Livestock

CALGARY (CP) — Week-end: Cattle 365, calves 3, hogs 1,200, sheep 20. Today, no receipts. Cattle market opened steady for quality offered. Stockyards will be closed Dec. 25 and 27 and farmers are advised not to ship hogs after Wednesday. Good heavyweight lambs 10.75 to 11.00; good heavy lambs 10.00 to 10.25.

Medium to good butcher heifers 9.00 to 10.00; common medium cows 5.00 to 7.00; canners and cutters 3.00 to 4.75; common to medium bulls 5.50 to 6.50. Good stocker and feeder steers 9.50 to 10.25; common medium 7.00 to 9.00.

## One Woman's Day...

By NANCY HODGES SPOKANE.

**CANOL DEFENDED**  
 I HEARD THE much-debated, much publicized \$134,000,000 Canol project at Fort Norman defended by a U.S. government official at the Pacific Northwest Trade meeting here.

He was J. C. Riddle, United States director of the North Pacific Planning Council, an independent bureau charged with fostering friendly relations between Canada and the U.S.

**OIL TRANSPORTATION**  
 ONE POINT HE made was that Canol is not an oil production project but an oil transportation one. The Canol pipeline runs from Watson Lake to Fairbanks, via White Horse, with two feeder lines.

Distances between the airports along the Alaska Highway and any other sources of gasoline supply are so great, he said, as to make ship and truck charges prohibitive.

**SAVES \$15,000,000 A YEAR**  
 IN A RUN of 1,000 miles, a tank would also use two-thirds of its own load in its own operation. On this basis, he estimated the pipeline saves some \$15,000,000 annually.

Mr. Riddle also said the Canol project had been valuable in drawing attention to the possibilities of developing what may be the world's greatest oil field in the Mackenzie River basin—a statement of much interest to Canada.

**ECONOMIC UNITY**  
 I WAS MUCH impressed by the unanimity of desire at the conference to continue into peacetime the collaboration and co-operation engendered by war in this strategic Northwest.

Delegates from all parts of British Columbia, Alaska, Yukon Territory, Washington and Oregon want to foster this spirit in the development of the area's economic possibilities.

**HIGHWAY FEEDERS**  
 TO THIS END, the Alaska Highway must be connected as soon as possible with this coast. This was the tenor of the main discussion.

A delegate from the Burns Lake area of B.C. pleaded the cause of his part of the world by advocating a road along the centuries-old trail from Hazelton to White Horse.

Such a route would pass through 500,000 miles of the finest agricultural land, warmed by the Japanese current.

**GROUND HOG COAL**  
 AND IT IS contiguous to 5,000,000,000 to 10,000,000,000 feet of merchantable timber, and to the Ground Hog coal area. This

coal is anthracite, of a quality comparable with Pennsylvania and Welsh coal. And the area is six times as large as that of Pennsylvania, he indicated.

But the resolutions committee, to whom was referred consideration of this and other major problems, favored the so-called "B" route.

This runs from Prince George north connecting with the Alaska Highway at Lower Post or Watson Lake.

**FAVOR "B" ROUTE**  
 IT IS THE route for which Premier Hart recently announced the setting aside of \$6,000,000 as British Columbia's share of the total cost, estimated at approximately \$18,000,000.

According to a Seattle delegate, Congressman Warren G. Magnusson is introducing a bill before the U.S. Congress for an appropriation of \$6,000,000 towards this route.

Whether it passes Congress is, of course, on the knees of the gods. But this conference will ask the various commerce and trade bodies to press for U.S. government co-operation with Ottawa, looking towards its early construction.

**HELL'S GATE FISHWAYS**  
 THE CONSTRUCTION of fishways at Hells Gate Canyon and the removal of other obstructions is urged in another resolution awaiting consideration.

Such an undertaking would cost about \$2,000,000. But its proponents maintain it would go far to restoring the halcyon days of the sockeye salmon industry of Puget Sound and the Gulf of Georgia.

**FOREIGN FISHERMEN**  
 AT ONE TIME this industry produced a pack which, in a good year, would have a value, at present prices, in excess of \$40,000,000.

The serious threats to these fisheries in the past from foreign fishermen, coming to these shores in foreign boats, also came under review.

A special committee will take both matters up with various fisheries people and collateral interests.

**B.C. MUCH TO GAIN**  
 THIS COMMITTEE will report to the next meeting of the association as to the feasibility of a sound, joint policy between Canada and the United States to give protection to these valuable food resources.

Summing up the deliberations, it would seem that British Columbia has much to gain by this pooling of ideas, aims, and action for the maturing of this whole area's economic processes, in which we share a mutuality of interest.

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**Grain Sales Increase**  
 CHICAGO (AP) — Visible supply of wheat decreased 1,182,000 to 119,651,000 bushels last week, the board of trade reported today. Corn decreased 671,000 to 10,883,000 bushels; oats decreased 447,000 to 14,997,000; rye increased 21,000 to 20,213,000; barley decreased 521,000 to 17,000,000, and soy beans increased 50,000 to 15,366,000.

**Grain**  
 WINNIPEG (CP) — Strength at Chicago which encouraged buying by commission houses and other locals, sent rye to new seasonal highs today on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange.

**Foreign Exchange**  
 NEW YORK (AP) — Foreign exchange rate rates: Canadian dollar in New York open market 10 1/2 per cent discount or 89.75 U.S. cents, unchanged. Europe: Great Britain, official (bankers' foreign exchange committee rates), buying \$4.02, selling \$4.04.

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Offerings in all grain pits were limited today and the market responded to moderate buying orders by staging a good advance. Rye was in the forefront of the upturn, gaining around 2 cents at time on purchasing by commission houses with eastern connections.

**LONDON (AP)** — British stock closing: The Times—125.4, 125.5, 125.6, 125.7, 125.8, 125.9, 126.0, 126.1, 126.2, 126.3, 126.4, 126.5, 126.6, 126.7, 126.8, 126.9, 127.0, 127.1, 127.2, 127.3, 127.4, 127.5, 127.6, 127.7, 127.8, 127.9, 128.0, 128.1, 128.2, 128.3, 128.4, 128.5, 128.6, 128.7, 128.8, 128.9, 129.0, 129.1, 129.2, 129.3, 129.4, 129.5, 129.6, 129.7, 129.8, 129.9, 130.0, 130.1, 130.2, 130.3, 130.4, 130.5, 130.6, 130.7, 130.8, 130.9, 131.0, 131.1, 131.2, 131.3, 131.4, 131.5, 131.6, 131.7, 131.8, 131.9, 132.0, 132.1, 132.2, 132.3, 132.4, 132.5, 132.6, 132.7, 132.8, 132.9, 133.0, 133.1, 133.2, 133.3, 133.4, 133.5, 133.6, 133.7, 133.8, 133.9, 134.0, 134.1, 134.2, 134.3, 134.4, 134.5, 134.6, 134.7, 134.8, 134.9, 135.0, 135.1, 135.2, 135.3, 135.4, 135.5, 135.6, 135.7, 135.8, 135.9, 136.0, 136.1, 136.2, 136.3, 136.4, 136.5, 136.6, 136.7, 136.8, 136.9, 137.0, 137.1, 137.2, 137.3, 137.4, 137.5, 137.6, 137.7, 137.8, 137.9, 138.0, 138.1, 138.2, 138.3, 138.4, 138.5, 138.6, 138.7, 138.8, 138.9, 139.0, 139.1, 139.2, 139.3, 139.4, 139.5, 139.6, 139.7, 139.8, 139.9, 140.0, 140.1, 140.2, 140.3, 140.4, 140.5, 140.6, 140.7, 140.8, 140.9, 141.0, 141.1, 141.2, 141.3, 141.4, 141.5, 141.6, 141.7, 141.8, 141.9, 142.0, 142.1, 142.2, 142.3, 142.4, 142.5, 142.6, 142.7, 142.8, 142.9, 143.0, 143.1, 143.2, 143.3, 143.4, 143.5, 143.6, 143.7, 143.8, 143.9, 144.0, 144.1, 144.2, 144.3, 144.4, 144.5, 144.6, 144.7, 144.8, 144.9, 145.0, 145.1, 145.2, 145.3, 145.4, 145.5, 145.6, 145.7, 145.8, 145.9, 146.0, 146.1, 146.2, 146.3, 146.4, 146.5, 146.6, 146.7, 146.8, 146.9, 147.0, 147.1, 147.2, 147.3, 147.4, 147.5, 147.6, 147.7, 147.8, 147.9, 148.0, 148.1, 148.2, 148.3, 148.4, 148.5, 148.6, 148.7, 148.8, 148.9, 149.0, 149.1, 149.2, 149.3, 149.4, 149.5, 149.6, 149.7, 149.8, 149.9, 150.0, 150.1, 150.2, 150.3, 150.4, 150.5, 150.6, 150.7, 150.8, 150.9, 151.0, 151.1, 151.2, 151.3, 151.4, 151.5, 151.6, 151.7, 151.8, 151.9, 152.0, 152.1, 152.2, 152.3, 152.4, 152.5, 152.6, 152.7, 152.8, 152.9, 153.0, 153.1, 153.2, 153.3, 153.4, 153.5, 153.6, 153.7, 153.8, 153.9, 154.0, 154.1, 154.2, 154.3, 154.4, 154.5, 154.6, 154.7, 154.8, 154.9, 155.0, 155.1, 155.2, 155.3, 155.4, 155.5, 155.6, 155.7, 155.8, 155.9, 156.0, 156.1, 156.2, 156.3, 156.4, 156.5, 156.6, 156.7, 156.8, 156.9, 157.0, 157.1, 157.2, 157.3, 157.4, 157.5, 157.6, 157.7, 157.8, 157.9, 158.0, 158.1, 158.2, 158.3, 158.4, 158.5, 158.6, 158.7, 158.8, 158.9, 159.0, 159.1, 159.2, 159.3, 159.4, 159.5, 159.6, 159.7, 159.8, 159.9, 160.0, 160.1, 160.2, 160.3, 160.4, 160.5, 160.6, 160.7, 160.8, 160.9, 161.0, 161.1, 161.2, 161.3, 161.4, 161.5, 161.6, 161.7, 161.8, 161.9, 162.0, 162.1, 162.2, 162.3, 162.4, 162.5, 162.6, 162.7, 162.8, 162.9, 163.0, 163.1, 163.2, 163.3, 163.4, 163.5, 163.6, 163.7, 163.8, 163.9, 164.0, 164.1, 164.2, 164.3, 164.4, 164.5, 164.6, 164.7, 164.8, 164.9, 165.0, 165.1, 165.2, 165.3, 165.4, 165.5, 165.6, 165.7, 165.8, 165.9, 166.0, 166.1, 166.2, 166.3, 166.4, 166.5, 166.6, 166.7, 166.8, 166.9, 167.0, 167.1, 167.2, 167.3, 167.4, 167.5, 167.6, 167.7, 167.8, 167.9, 168.0, 168.1, 168.2, 168.3, 168.4, 168.5, 168.6, 168.7, 168.8, 168.9, 169.0, 169.1, 169.2, 169.3, 169.4, 169.5, 169.6, 169.7, 169.8, 169.9, 170.0, 170.1, 170.2, 170.3, 170.4, 170.5, 170.6, 170.7, 170.8, 170.9, 171.0, 171.1, 171.2, 171.3, 171.4, 171.5, 171.6, 171.7, 171.8, 171.9, 172.0, 172.1, 172.2, 172.3, 172.4, 172.5, 172.6, 172.7, 172.8, 172.9, 173.0, 173.1, 173.2, 173.3, 173.4, 173.5, 173.6, 173.7, 173.8, 173.9, 174.0, 174.1, 174.2, 174.3, 174.4, 174.5, 174.6, 174.7, 174.8, 174.9, 175.0, 175.1, 175.2, 175.3, 175.4, 175.5, 175.6, 175.7, 175.8, 175.9, 176.0, 176.1, 176.2, 176.3, 176.4, 176.5, 176.6, 176.7, 176.8, 176.9, 177.0, 177.1, 177.2, 177.3, 177.4, 177.5, 177.6, 177.7, 177.8, 177.9, 178.0, 178.1, 178.2, 178.3, 178.4, 178.5, 178.6, 178.7, 178.8, 178.9, 179.0, 179.1, 179.2, 179.3, 179.4, 179.5, 179.6, 179.7, 179.8, 179.9, 180.0, 180.1, 180.2, 180.3, 180.4, 180.5, 180.6, 180.7, 180.8, 180.9, 181.0, 181.1, 181.2, 181.3, 181.4, 181.5, 181.6, 181.7, 181.8, 181.9, 182.0, 182.1, 182.2, 182.3, 182.4, 182.5, 182.6, 182.7, 182.8, 182.9, 183.0, 183.1, 183.2, 183.3, 183.4, 183.5, 183.6, 183.7, 183.8, 183.9, 184.0, 184.1, 184.2, 184.3, 184.4, 184.5, 184.6, 184.7, 184.8, 184.9, 185.0, 185.1, 185.2, 185.3, 185.4, 185.5, 185.6, 185.7, 185.8, 185.9, 186.0, 186.1, 186.2, 186.3, 186.4, 186.5, 186.6, 186.7, 186.8, 186.9, 187.0, 187.1, 187.2, 187.3, 187.4, 187.5, 187.6, 187.7, 187.8, 187.9, 188.0, 188.1, 188.2, 188.3, 188.4, 188.5, 188.6, 188.7, 188.8, 188.9, 189.0, 189.1, 189.2, 189.3, 189.4, 189.5, 189.6, 189.7, 189.8, 189.9, 190.0, 190.1, 190.2, 190.3, 190.4, 190.5, 190.6, 190.7, 190.8, 190.9, 191.0, 191.1, 191.2, 191.3, 191.4, 191.5, 191.6, 191.7, 191.8, 191.9, 192.0, 192.1, 192.2, 192.3, 192.4, 192.5, 192.6, 192.7, 192.8, 192.9, 193.0, 193.1, 193.2, 193.3, 193.4